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AUSTRIANS ARE BEATEN BY RUSSIANS

GERMANS ARE FORCED TO YIELD BELGIAN GROUND

**Allies Advance Near Lombaertdyde and Progress
on Heights of Meuse—Enemy Makes Small
Gain Near Hollebeke Loses Near Lens**

Paris, Dec. 28.—The French official statement to-day is as follows: "In Belgium we have continued to advance. To the west of Lombaertdyde we are at the foot of the sand dunes on which the enemy has established his line of resistance. At a point south of Ypres we have lost a section of the trenches near Hollebeke.

"In the region of Lens near Carency, the enemy yielded under our attacks 800 yards of its line trenches.

"In the valley of the river Aisne and in Champagne there has been intermittent artillery fighting, which was particularly severe in the vicinity of Rheims and around Perthes. Here the enemy directed their artillery fire especially against the positions to the west of Perthes, conquered and occupied by us.

"On the heights of the Meuse there has been slight progress by our troops along the entire front.

"In the Vosges the enemy bombarded the railroad station at St. Die, but the railroad service has not been interrupted.

"In Upper Alsace to the northeast of Steinbach, a counter-attack of the Germans was repulsed."

BRITISH BRAVERY IS PRAISED BY GERMAN

**Soldiers Are Experienced; Very
Tough and Never Lacking
in Courage**

(By an Associated Press Correspondent)

German Front in France, Dec. 21.—"I have just spent three days with General von Herengott's army in the field. General von Herengott, like all the other German generals with whom I spoke, did not hesitate a second to praise his British opponents.

"The British first line troops are splendid soldiers, experienced and very tough, especially on the defensive. There would be no credit in beating them if they were not, he said, making it clear that he referred only to the British regulars. The conversation turning on Kitchener's recruits, he said significantly: 'You cannot improvise armies. Britain can not hope to accomplish in a few months what it took Germany 100 years to build up.'"

"Coming back to the British regulars, he told the following anecdote: 'At one point we used a mine-thrower (mine-thrower) against one of their trenches. These mortars go off with a frightful noise, calculated to shake the courage of the stoutest. After the tenth shot our men advanced with a loud hurrah, expecting to find the British cowering; but those tough Scotsmen crawled out of their trenches and actually attempted a counter bayonet charge. The French also fight bravely.'"

"Now that artillery plays such an important role, the thing is not a war of firing field, but cover and protection against artillery fire, even if you can see to fire for only fifty yards. It is quite enough and an infantry attack can be stopped in that distance. 'After you have taken a village by storm the men must find safe cover without an instant's loss of time, as you can invariably expect an immediate heavy artillery fire from the enemy. The French are particularly good at finding cover quickly. Our men must imitate them; also telephones and aeroplanes are indispensable. War without them would be unthinkable now.'"

"What is the bravest deed that has come to your knowledge, your excellency?" I asked. "Shall I give you a bombastic answer?" he replied good-humoredly. "Well, then, there have been so many brave deeds that no one of them stands out prominently. But in the retrospect the finest thing, to my mind, was our young troops, charging for the first time in the face of a murderous fire, singing Deutschland, Deutschland Ueber Alles."

"Some idea of the position of the Germans in the west can be gathered from the fact that the general had time to smoke and chat with me for something like ten hours in two days."

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

Winterhaven, Fla., Dec. 28.—Harry Alvey, wife and three children, were burned to death early to-day when fire destroyed their home near here.

FOUR RAISED TO RANK OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL

Probable Commanders of Three Brigades in Second Contingent Are Named.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Four new brigadier-generals have been gazetted by the militia council to Col. B. W. Rutherford, officer commanding at Halifax; Col. Henry Smith, of Ottawa; Col. T. Benson, master-general of the ordnance, Ottawa; and Col. W. E. Hodgins, D.O.C. at London, Ont. It is understood that the men who will command the three brigades of the second Canadian contingent are Col. Septimus Denison, acting adjutant-general for the Ontario brigade; Col. J. P. Landry, of Quebec, for the Quebec brigade; and Col. H. J. Cowan, of Portage la Prairie, for the western brigade.

It is also stated that Col. Victor A. Williams, who was camp commandant at Valcartier, will be given command of the mounted rifles with the second contingent. Col. T. D. R. Hemmings, of Kingston, prefers to complete the work for the second contingent at Kingston before being transferred to the command of district No. 10 at Winnipeg. Col. Rutan or Col. Thomson will be appointed acting D. O. C. at Winnipeg in the meantime. Col. Winters, military secretary, will probably go on the headquarters staff of the second contingents.

VILLA FORCES MOVING OUT OF MEXICO CITY

Washington, Dec. 28.—General Villa's forces have suspended their attacks on El Paso, near Tampico, and have concentrated their attack on the seaport of Tuxpam, where fighting is in progress to-day, according to advices to the state department.

The Carranza agency here to-day published the following telegram received from Carranza representatives at Galveston: "Semi-official reports here, although not confirmed, say that due to lack of communications, the Villa forces are evacuating Mexico City. It is believed they are doing this on account of the crying need of forces in the north to save lines of communication and to prevent Torreón, Chihuahua and Juarez from being captured. Villa would prefer to engage in battle outside the capital with Carranza's army of 100,000 men, lying between here and Mexico City."

UNARMED FRONTIER IS SAFE, SAYS GUARDIAN

London, Dec. 28.—Discussing to-day the attainment of one hundred years of peace between Great Britain and America, the Manchester Guardian, alluding to the disarmament of the long frontier between Canada and the United States, says that had this frontier been fortified and soldiers placed along it with the knowledge that some day they might be attacked, the whole history of the last half century would have been different. We might have armed peace, this, the longest line of frontier, instead of being its own protection; would have been the cause of the financial and political demoralization of both countries.



SOON TO BE EXTINCT!—THE GERMAN DODO
Drawn by J. Conacher in the "Sketch."

VON HINDENBERG IS NOW AT STANDSTILL

**Austria Admits Check to Her
Forces Stationed in
Carpathians**

London, Dec. 28.—On the battle-lines in both the eastern and western arenas of the war the onward movements have been stopped. The German offensive has momentarily stopped, while Gen. von Hindenberg, the German commander, has come to a standstill on the Vistula. At the same time Vienna admits a check to the Austrian forces stationed along the Galician Carpathians.

French troops during the past three days have made minor advances judging from the official communications given out in Paris; but apparently not at the same rate of speed as reported a fortnight ago. Fog accounts in a measure for this slackening of efforts. With the exception of the capture of certain Anglo-Indian trenches near the Lyva last week most of which the allies have recaptured, the efforts of the Germans to send back the allied line have been generally abortive.

North of the river Vistula, in Russian Poland, the Germans, again reinforced, have retaken the town of Miawa, but south of the river they still stand on their old ground. In Southern Poland, where the German right joins the Austrians, left, there has been some severe fighting with slight gains for the Austro-German allies, judging from the reports coming from Vienna and Berlin. In the Galician Carpathians the Austrians have been compelled to give ground.

According to an official statement issued in Vienna, and Petrograd declares also officially, the Russian forces are pursuing the Austrians into the Carpathians, after taking many thousands of prisoners.

MEXICAN TOWN PILLAGED BY WILD YAQUI INDIANS

On Board U. S. S. San Diego, Guaymas, Mex., Dec. 28.—by wireless via San Diego.—Wild Yaqui Indians from the mountains attacked and pillaged the town of Torres in Colorado, sixty miles north of here yesterday. So far as can be ascertained no lives were lost but the foreign consuls have appealed to Governor Maytorena to send troops to take the situation in charge.

CUXHAVEN DAMAGE NOT FULLY KNOWN BRITISH LOST ONE BRAVE AIRMAN

London, Dec. 28.—The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says he learns from Hamburg that considerable damage was caused at Cuxhaven by the British raid.

Harwick, Eng., Dec. 28.—According to reports received to-night, the British raid on Cuxhaven lasted for an hour, but the atmosphere was so thick that it was difficult for the airmen to achieve their purpose, despite the excellent organization of the operators. It was stated on authority that neither British nor Germans suffered casualties or serious damage except the loss of the British commander, Oliver Hewlett and four seaplanes.

London, Dec. 27.—The official press bureau gave out the following statement to-day regarding the British raid on the German coast: "On Friday Dec. 25 the German warships lying off Schilling Roads, off Cuxhaven, were attacked by seven naval sea planes, piloted by Flight Commanders Oliver Hewlett, Boss and Kilner, Flight Lieut. Miles and Edwards and Sub-lieut. Blackburn. The attack was delivered in daylight starting from a point in the vicinity of Heligoland. The sea planes were escorted by a light cruiser and destroyer force, together with submarines. As these ships were seen by the Germans from Heligoland; two Zeppelins and three or four hostile submarines attacked them. "It was necessary for the British ships to remain in the neighborhood to pick up the returning airmen, and a novel combat ensued between the most modern cruisers and the enemy's air craft and submarines. By swift manoeuvring the enemy's submarines were avoided and the two Zeppelins were easily put to flight by the guns of the Undaunted and Arethusa. "The enemy's sea planes, succeeded in dropping their bombs near our ships, but without hitting any of them. The British ships remained for three hours off the enemy's coast without being molested by any surface vessel, and safely re-embarked three out of the seven airmen with their machines. Three other pilots returned later and were picked up by British submarines which were standing by. Their machines were sunk. "Six out of the seven pilots returned safely. Flight Commander Hewlett is missing. His machine was seen in a wrecked condition about eight miles from Heligoland and the fate of the daring and skilful pilot is unknown. The extent of the damage by the British airmen's bombs cannot be estimated but all were discharged at points of military significance. On Thursday last, Squadron Commander Richard B. Davies, of the naval air service, visited Brussels in a Farman biplane for the purpose of dropping twelve bombs at an airship shed reported to contain eight German airships. Eight of these bombs, of which six are believed to have hit, were discharged at the first attack; the remaining four on the return flight. About the clouds of smoke which arose from the shed the effect could not be distinguished."

SAGHALIN ISLAND IS NOT GIVEN JAPANESE

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The Russian government has authorized the official news agency to deny in the most categorical manner the statement that Russia has ceded to Japan half the island of Saghalin, in exchange for heavy artillery. It is asserted that the report is absolutely unfounded. One of the items given out by the German official press bureau on December 25 stated that reports had been received from Copenhagen to the effect that Russia had traded her half of Saghalin to Japan for heavy guns. Saghalin island lies off the east coast of Asia, and is separated from the mainland by the Gulf of Tartary. The southern half was ceded to Japan by Russia under the treaty of Portsmouth.

BUTCHER BEAT HIS WIFE TO DEATH, SHOT HIMSELF

Spokane, Dec. 28.—William Loth, a butcher, beat his wife to death last night and then shot and killed himself. Their three children were not awakened and the bodies were found this morning. Mrs. Loth had filed a suit for divorce charging cruelty.

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ARMIES SEPARATED; WESTERN FORCE IS IN CRIPPLED STATE

**In Three Battles Enemy Loses
Heavily in Men and Munitions
—Ten Thousand Prisoners
Taken Near Dukla**

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Russian forces, according to advices received to-day from Galicia, have succeeded in crossing the Biala river and in taking possession of a twenty-mile strip of territory south of Tuchow, thereby separating the two Austrian armies. The forces of General Boehm-Ermolli, the Austrian commander, are claimed by the Russians to be retreating precipitately and the western Austrian army is said to be badly crippled.

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The following official statement was issued from general headquarters to-day: "During Dec. 26 the fighting along the lines of the Bzura and Rawka rivers was confined in general to artillery fire. We have repulsed with success various attacks by the Germans.

"Along the lower course of the Nida river we ousted, towards evening of Dec. 25, from the village of Wislica, the Austrians who obstinately defended it, and who attempted to fortify themselves on the left bank of the Nida. We then drove the Austrians beyond that river."

"South of the Vistula, in the region of Tarnow (Galicia) on Dec. 25, we drove back the Austrians from the Tuchow-Olpiny line. The enemy abandoned ten rapid-firers and we took forty-three officers and more than 2,500 soldiers prisoners. The next day we continued the pursuit of the Austrians, who retreated in disorder. We captured eight more machine guns and about 1,000 prisoners. We occupied the heights near Siedliska on the left bank of the Biala river."

"In the direction of Dukla (Carpathians) there were engagements on Dec. 25 and 26, and the Austrians were driven from the Zmigrod-Dukla line, and are in full retreat. In the latest encounters in this region the Austrians suffered enormous losses and left in our hands as prisoners more than 10,000 men."

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The investment of Cracow along the railroad from Sanok to Lisko.

The premature appearance of General Bohem-Ermolli's army to the south of Przemyśl, however, put the Russians on their guard and the Russians concentrated along the Biala river, moved down and attacked the Austrians at Tuchow, fifteen miles south of Tarnow, where they were successful in preventing a junction of the Austrian armies.

Meanwhile the attention of the Russians was directed to the Austrians advancing from Sanok, which movement was checked. After their successes in this direction, the Russians took the offensive along the Biala river.

Christmas Day the Russians won the battle of Tuchow, the Austrians retreating throughout the following day, the Russians capturing 3,999 prisoners and 15 machine guns.

Later the Russians crossed to the western bank of Biala and Saturday stormed the heights of Stedliska, four miles south of Tuchow. The Russians took possession of a twenty-mile strip of territory and thus succeeded in separating the two Austrian forces.

General Bohem-Ermolli's army is said by the Russians to be in full retreat and the western army of the Austrians is reported to be badly crippled.

GERMAN HEADQUARTERS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The German headquarters staff to-day issued the following statement: "In the western theatre the enemy unsuccessfully renewed his attacks on Neuport, supported by warships, which did no damage to us, but killed or wounded a few inhabitants of Westende. An attack on the hamlet of St. George also failed. "South of Ypres we captured one of the enemy's trenches and some dozens of prisoners fell into our hands on this occasion.

"Several violent attacks by the enemy in the region to the northwest of Arras were repelled. "To the southeast of Verdun the enemy repeated his attacks, but they also were unsuccessful. Similar results occurred when they attempted to recapture a height to the west of Zenheim, for which we fought yesterday. "There is no news from East Prussia or from Poland. North of the Vistula and on the left bank of the Vistula our attacks are developing, notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather."

BORDEN VIEWS TROOPS STATIONED AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Sir R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, accompanied by Major-general S. B. Steel and his staff, Hon. Robert Rogers and the mayor, this afternoon reviewed the greatest number of soldiers ever seen at one time in Winnipeg. Every man in the parade was a volunteer for active service either in the present training or ready for the third contingent. It is estimated that nearly 5,000 men paraded. A reception was tendered the premier at Adana Club.

SERBIAN IN CANADIAN ARMY STABED COMRADE

London, Dec. 28.—Mile Bogdan, a Serbian who is in the Canadian contingent, has been committed for trial for stabbing a comrade, also of foreign extraction. Both men came from northern Canada. The magistrate was told that many such naturalized Canadians had enlisted with the contingent.

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LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

SECOND CONTINGENT ONE ARMY DIVISION

Plans Changed In Regard to Canadians Who Will Fight for Empire

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Contrary to previous arrangements the second contingent from Canada will comprise a complete army division. It was at first intended that four of the infantry battalions at Salisbury which are over and above the strength of a full division would be taken to form the nucleus of the second Canadian division. The arrangement has been abandoned. Twelve of the eighteen battalions at Salisbury have been included in the first division, leaving a surplus of six. These are the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th. In addition there is the Princess Patricia's, which has been brigaded with members of Kitchener's army.

The 6th battalion is composed completely of former cavalry, including the Fort Garry Horse, the 18th Mounted Rifles and other units. These men who joined as infantry in the hope of ultimately being allowed to go as mounted troops, are to have their desire satisfied, for they are to be utilized as reinforcements for the Strathcona Horse, the Royal Canadian Dragoons and the divisional cavalry. The 9th, 11th and 13th and 17th are to be utilized for the purpose of providing infantry reinforcements. It would appear from the above that it is intended to send the remainder of the division to the front at an early date.

A larger number than expected will be required for the second division, which will be organized as follows: Fourth infantry brigade, 18th battalion, London; 19th and 20th, Toronto; and 21st, Kingston. Fifth infantry brigade—22nd French Canadian battalion, St. John's, Que.; 24th, Montreal; 25th, Halifax; and 26th, St. John, N. B. Sixth infantry brigade—27th and 28th, Winnipeg; 29th, Vancouver; and 31st, Calgary. The 23rd, Quebec, may be included in the fifth brigade.

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GERMANS WILL DEFEND ANTWERP IN STRENGTH

Two Hundred Thousand Troops Stationed There and Defences Are Improved

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The Antwerp correspondent of the Handelsblad states, on the authority of German officers, that there are 200,000 German troops in the Antwerp district and that they have been ordered to defend the position if besieged by the allies.

"The plan of campaign," says the correspondent, "is to defend strongly the retreat from Roulers to Ghent, but to evacuate Ghent if necessary and defend Antwerp to the last. The inhabitants will be warned and given an opportunity to quit the town."

"Three thousand men are employed day and night strengthening the defences and fortifications which have been completely altered."

Paris, Dec. 27.—The strength of the German lines of defence along the western battlefield is indicated by a semi-official note issued here to-day in reference to artillery captured by the French in attacks on German trenches in the Perthes region on December 24. The note says that when these trenches were taken the French gained possession of two quick-firers, several siege guns mounted on carriages, one siege mortar of 245 millimetres, one gun of 50 millimetres, with an armored cupola and a revolving gun of 27 millimetres.

LA BOISSELLE ATTACK WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL

Cannonading and Calm in Belgium and France Alternated Yesterday

Paris, Dec. 27.—The following official statement was issued by the war office to-night: "After having all last night directed a very sharp artillery and infantry fire against our troops stationed at La Boisselle, and in the adjacent trenches the enemy delivered two consecutive attacks without success."

"We held strongly the trenches captured near Puissele. On the heights of the Meuse we have consolidated our occupation of the ground taken near the trench of Caronne. "St. Die has been bombarded violently from 9:30 o'clock in the morning to noon."

The following official statement was issued this afternoon: "Between the sea and Lys, the day was calm, and cannonading intermittent."

"Between the Lys and Oise there is nothing to report. "In the valley of the Aisne and in Champagne, artillery duels continue. In the region of Perthes, the enemy, after a violent bombardment of the trenches which he had lost, attempted a violent counter attack which was repulsed by the fire of our artillery and infantry."

"In the Argonne there was slight progress to the south to St. Hubert. One company gained between 100 and 200 metres. We bombarded a ravine, forcing the enemy to evacuate several trenches. Between the Meuse and Moselle, to the east of St. Mihiel, two German attacks against the fortifications of the Burnt Woods were repulsed."

"A dirigible dropped a dozen bombs on Nancy in the centre of the city, and without military reason. Our aviators in return bombarded the aviation hangars of Friesch, one of the railroad stations of Metz, where movements of trains were noted, and the barracks of St. Privat, at Metz. In Upper Alsace our troops made further progress upon the heights which dominate Cernay and have repulsed some attacks there."

"In Russia the Germans who resumed their march on Miawa, have reoccupied that city. The situation in Poland remains without notable change. The violence of the battle on the Bzura and the Rakwa has diminished. In the central Polish region the Russian army, contrary to previous reports, has been repulsed. On the whole Galician front the struggle is developing under conditions favorable to the Russians."

ESSAD PASHA MARCHES AGAINST ALBANIA REBELS

Bari, Italy, Dec. 27.—Advises received here from Albania are to the effect that Essad Pasha, the provisional president, has gathered 8,000 soldiers and marched against the Albanian rebels, intending to engage them in decisive battle.

Palermo, Sicily, Dec. 27.—The Tenth Regiment of Bersagliers sharpshooters have left for Aviona, Albania, where they will arrive to-morrow and replace the bluejackets who were landed last week to restore order and protect the peaceful inhabitants.

TURKEY SENDING TROOPS TO DEFEND DARDANELLES

Rome, Dec. 27.—The Turkish military authorities have removed the troops and artillery from Adrianople and are sending them to defend the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, according to a dispatch from Athens.

CUXHAVEN RAID SHOWS AN ARMY MIGHT LAND

United States Authority Demonstrates How Britain Could Capture Kiel Canal

New York, Dec. 27.—A navy expert and engineer of this city, commenting to-day on the British raid on Cuxhaven at the mouth of the Elbe, referred to it as the best strategic move of the war thus made by Britain. The effect of the single raid, he said, might be inconsequential, but it had proved, he maintained, that an army could be landed in Schleswig-Holstein, the only exposed part of the German empire.

This engineer, because of his connection in an advisory capacity with the United States navy, would not permit the use of his name. He has directed important public work in Germany as well as in England, and has written extensively on the military of the European countries.

"Britain will never accomplish her object in this war—the destruction of the German fleet," he said, "unless she lands an army in Schleswig-Holstein. I believe that we will soon hear of a move in that direction."

The dash to Cuxhaven shows that Britain has men who will take a risk some 300 miles from her shores. I believe we will now hear of attacks further north on the coast of Schleswig-Holstein. These attacks, I believe, will be made in conjunction with a British army. Britain must land an army in Northern Schleswig-Holstein and march it down to the protected harbors and canals where the German fleet is.

"The first army would, no doubt, have a hard time in landing, but once having gained a foothold, the navy on the outside would prevent a dislodgment. Troops could then be landed for weeks, and a great army could be built up. Under such circumstances every energy should be directed to an advance toward Schleswig-Holstein to the Kiel canal."

"The Kiel canal once captured, the capture or destruction of the German fleet would be a question of time. The army and navy still working together. If Germany attempted the destruction of the canal it could be restored, and then Russia's unlimited resources of men would be available for use elsewhere than on Russia's own frontier. Russia could then also be strengthened in war munitions from outside."

SAYS KHAKI CLOTH IS GOOD AS CAN BE MADE

Manufacturer Says Member of Parliament's Statement is Beneath Contempt

London, Dec. 28.—Sir Mark Oldroyd, head of one of the largest firms of woollen manufacturers in the heavy woollen district of Yorkshire, has issued a statement replying to criticism passed in the house of commons by Sir Joseph Wiltson, to the effect that some khaki cloth supplied for soldiers' uniforms was rotten.

Sir Mark says that Sir Joseph was talking on a subject that he does not understand, and that his statements are unfair on manufacturers in the heavy woollen district. The cloth supplied is in accordance with the standard set up by the war office.

Sir Mark adds: "The khaki manufactured in this district is as good as can be. More wool is being used to-day than ever in the history of our local industry, and shoddy in smaller quantities than I have ever known in an experience of over fifty years. Such indictments of a whole community, even under the privilege of parliament, are beneath contempt."

YORCK'S HEAD OFFICERS BEFORE COURT-MARTIAL

Captain Sentenced to Two Years and Commander to One in a Fortress

Copenhagen, Dec. 28.—According to the Hamburg Echo, a court-martial has been held at Wilhelmshafen to try the captain and commander of the German cruiser Yorck, which was sunk by a mine in Jade bay in November. Three hundred members of the crew were lost.

The officers were charged with disobedience, negligence and manslaughter and were found guilty, according to this newspaper. Captain Vipper was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in a fortress, and Commander Cleve, to one year's imprisonment.

The Yorck, according to an official dispatch from Berlin, struck a mine in the chain blocking the entrance to Jade bay, November 4, during a thick fog. Jade bay is an inlet of the North Sea near Wilhelmshafen.

STILL MORE WORK FOR AMERICAN COMMISSION

London, Dec. 28.—The American relief commission to-day received the lease for its present offices for a period of six months. The demands on the committee continue to be heavy and it still has so much to do that it is not possible to move its offices to the American embassy. The average number of Americans stranded weekly is now about twenty-five. These reach London chiefly from the continent.

Furthermore, unsettled shipping conditions leave many American seamen stranded in England, and the committee offices are crowded every day with Americans seeking passports. Of the \$200,000 appropriated by the United States some months ago to assist Americans stranded on account of the war there remains to-day about \$100,000.

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AUSTRIA HAS LOST VERY HEAVILY AGAINST SERBIA

London, Dec. 28.—The Daily Telegraph's Sarayevoo correspondent, under date of December 19, tells of the defeat of the Austrians at the hands of the Serbians, which culminated in the recapture by the Serbians of Belgrade.

"The Austro-Hungarian losses since November have been at least 120,000 men," the correspondent says. "The Serbians have captured 145 guns and 46,000 prisoners since December 18. General Mischitch, after his well-deserved victory, was promoted to the rank of field marshal."

SHORTHAND DISPENSED WITH BY COMMISSION

Melbourne, Aus., Dec. 28.—The recently formed interstate commission of Australia is taking evidence throughout the Commonwealth in connection with the proposed revision of tariff.

The commission have decided to obviate the delays connected with the transcription of shorthand notes by instituting a system under which the stenographer is dispensed with and the evidence is taken direct on to the typewriter.

The machines are enclosed in such a way as almost entirely to dispense with the noise of operation, which at the same time is in no way interfered with. In this way the witness and each member of the commission is supplied with a copy of the evidence, five copies in all, within a few minutes of the conclusion of the examination.

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ANACORTES YOUTH DIES FROM FOOTBALL INJURY

Anacortes, Wash., Dec. 26.—Arthur Jordan, a student in the local high school, died Wednesday from a fractured skull. Jordan was injured in football practice just before the season closed, but attended school until about two weeks ago, when he was taken ill and shortly afterward lapsed into unconsciousness. A post-mortem examination revealed the fracture of his skull.

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DOOR ON WEST STILL CLOSED TO GERMANY

French, by Fortifying Whole Verdun Region Hold Their Enemy Back

London, Dec. 28.—So little has been known concerning the methods employed by the French to hold the Germans back from Verdun and block the road that leads almost straight from Metz to Paris that dispatches just received from a correspondent with the French armies in that region go far toward clearing up one of the mysteries of the war.

Verdun is the key to unlock the eastern doors of France, but the Germans have been unable to turn that key. All that they have succeeded in doing is to advance a force to St. Mihiel on the right bank of the Meuse between Verdun and Toul, but the steady offensive movement of the French has thrown a loop around St. Mihiel, and it is entirely probable that within a few weeks the Germans at St. Mihiel will be forced to retreat or will be cut off and captured.

Verdun is normally a city of 22,000 inhabitants, a quaint old town with gates and walls in the manner of Vauban; but the real Verdun referred to in the government communications is a piece of country around the town, protruding to the northeast from the general line of battle like a vast bastion, with a crescent face of seventy miles in length. Around the town are the old forts which held out for three weeks in 1870, but the most important fortifications are the field defences erected by the troops who man the crescent-shaped bastion and who have defeated every attempt of the Germans to advance heavy guns to points near the town and the old forts.

After the Germans were stopped at St. Mihiel and compelled to take the defensive day and night the French were at liberty to develop and expand their plans for fortifying the whole region. The correspondent says:

"After due reflection Gen. S. decided that the duties of his troops were twofold, the first of a general character, to maintain connection with the neighboring armies and to contribute to the general scheme of operations; the second, to protect Verdun to the utmost in the field, to stand off as long as possible a direct attack upon the fortress; to keep the heavy German guns as far out of range of the forts as he could, and to extend by earthworks and entrenchments the actual fortified zone at this point on the Meuse."

"Fortresses," he remarked to me, "are built to be taken, and 'ville assiegee,' ville prise" is an old military maxim which events have brought thoroughly up to date."

The general does not intend, if he can, to let Verdun count for anything in war, that Verdun ever shall be besieged in the strict sense of the word. Siege operations are, it is true, in progress already, but the nearest point to Verdun occupied by the Germans, Juvelines d'Ornes, twin wooded heights to the northeast of the fortress, is about thirteen kilometres away.

"The general's endeavor to give more room to Verdun has resulted in extending the fortifications of Verdun many miles beyond the former zone. Verdun indeed summarizes a development in the art of siege operations. It is a walled battlemented city with moat, drawbridges and portcullises, protected by an outer ring of forts, which are modern and a few months ago. Now every height and every valley in the country for 20 miles around has been so laborious at that there are fields ploughed by trenches and hillsides so closely dotted with short poles supporting barbed wire that they recall the vineyards of Champagne when the vines have been cut in the autumn."

"In the valleys through which we passed on our way to a vantage point in the Meuse heights from which to survey an artillery duel in progress we gained more clearly than on the plains of Flanders some idea of the way in which war is a test of national efficiency and of the completeness with which an army is self-contained. Regiments were at work making new roads and remaking old where they were worn by the constant stream of food and ammunition convoys, of artillery on the march, of rushing motor cars, and of ponderously moving heavy guns. In the woods other regiments were felling trees, clearing the fire zone of some hidden battery."

"Others were weaving twice into baskets, which were filled with earth, and strengthening the battered defences. In the hills others again were cutting the trunks of young trees into stakes for barbed wire entanglements, preparing planks for the roofing of trenches or for the manufacture of hospital beds, or for the construction of the marvellous winter dwellings which the handy soldier of France is building for himself in these exposed regions."

"Gazing from the observation station the eye was caught here and there by clusters of men busy as bees. White ribbonlike roads were speckled with slowly moving dots of motor convoys, of the ever gay heeled French artillerymen going to or coming from his position from the battery emplacements, constructed with marvellous skill by French engineers in the exposed hillside around Verdun."

The correspondent observed the initiative and constructive abilities displayed by the French soldiers who have dotted the whole front with charming artillery "garden cities" made by the men themselves without any supervision from their officers. A huge scoop is taken out of the wooded, sandy hillside, and the village nestles right into the heart of the hillside. Above it is a fir crowned crest over which the guns fire. Over the distant range of hills floats a captive balloon. Here and there the sun glints on the wings of a passing aeroplane.

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The gift was a welcome one to every inmate, from old Indian Dick, who has worn Zebra garb for the past thirty-five years at Folsom, to the last arrival, who never donned stripes until this week. In the future only men who are brought back as parole violators will be clothed in the despised stripes.

An Important Point.—A city girl was taking a course in an agricultural college. After a lecture on "How to Increase the Milk Flow," she rose for a question. "How long," she blushing inquired, "must one beat a cow before she will give whipped cream?"

BATTLEFIELD REUNION.

A Selby reservist, Bandsman Ettridge, who prior to the war was employed at the Selby Olympia oil-mills, relates in a letter to his wife how he met two of his brothers on the battlefield at Ypres. A few days after his arrival in France Ettridge and his battalion were ordered up to the firing line. The first man he saw in the trenches was his brother Alfred, whom he had neither seen nor heard from for years. They were both overjoyed at the meeting; but to cap all a younger brother, who belongs to the Red Cross corps, came on the scene, and the family reunion was complete.

ON THE BERLIN AGENDA.

The German Emperor dreams, it is said, that just as Napoleon gave out crowns and kingdoms right and left to his brothers, so will he, when he is master of Europe, set up all his sons as kings. France he intends as a kingdom for his second son, Prince Elitel Fritz, who will be known as

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THE WAR.

The important news to-day is the Petrograd announcement concerning the fortunes of the struggle on the eastern front. The German offensive against Warsaw has been stopped at the Bzura and Rawka rivers. Russia apparently having ample resources to deal with the situation at this point. A week or so ago the German attack through Mława in the north was thrown back upon the East Prussian frontier, so Warsaw is clear of danger from the northwest, west and south-west.

But what is now clear is that Russia is confining her operations in northern Poland to those of defence, while she is pursuing the offensive in southern Poland and Galicia. The Austrian army which reached the Nida river has been driven back with loss while the forces which came north through the Carpathians are now in full retreat after enormous losses and the Russians have retaken the passes from which they were withdrawn when the main Austro-German offensive began. The Russians have thrown an army corps between this army and the Austro-German forces which advanced through southern Poland, and all signs presage another collapse of the Teutonic resistance in both southern Poland and Galicia.

Petrograd military critics point to an absence of co-ordination between the various German and Austrian armies in their campaign, which inevitably must result in their demoralization. Each general seems to be conducting his operations independently of the others, with the result that systematic strategy has been thrown to the winds. Russia's game plainly is to hold the Germans in northern Poland while she advances against Hungary and Silesia. This finally would involve the retirement of von Hindenburg's army and end the third and most spectacular failure of the German campaign against the Czar. It is interesting to recall in this connection the Kaiser's reported bulletin to his soldiers, which stated that if they failed to take Warsaw he should have to sue for peace under degrading conditions.

Two months ago the Germans, upon retiring from the Vistula to their own border and upon a shorter front, were able to dispatch troops to the west and adopt a vigorous offensive with the capture of Calais as the object. This time that plan cannot be adopted. In the first place the Russians now are only thirty miles east of Groenow. As soon as the German line in Poland begins to waver the Russians will surge into Hungary and westward to Silesia. Germany will be menaced as she never was menaced before, while the dual monarchy will be doomed. The consequences of a third failure in a campaign against Russia are bound to be more serious for those who failed than those which attended the first attempt. Unless the Kaiser is willing to abandon Silesia as far as the Oder he cannot send reinforcements to the west. On the contrary the pressure will draw his troops from France and Belgium. Thus Russia will pull while the allies will shove, and between them they will get results.

In the west the allies have made considerable progress towards Lombardy on their left wing in Belgium, but have lost a part of their position of support at Hallebeke south of Ypres. To offset this a substantial gain has been recorded in the region of Lens in the north of France. Evidently the allies' offensive is confined largely to artillery attack, to be followed by a more vigorous infantry movement as soon as their numbers and equipment are deemed sufficient. For the moment, however, it is to the eastern front that we must look for

any startling change, for Austria has received some terrific jolts in the last few weeks.

THE RAID ON CUXHAVEN

The raid on Cuxhaven by the British on Christmas Day was an affair of the air, not of the sea, as the Berlin announcement intimated. Seven seaplanes with the light cruisers Undaunted and Arethusa as their bases, dropped bombs on the German fleet in the mouth of the Elbe, but the fog under cover of which the dash was made prevented an estimate of the damage done. One aviator commander is missing and four seaplanes were destroyed, but even if no German ships were damaged the results more than justified the attempt, much as the loss of the gallant officer may be deplored.

In the first place the incident shows that British light cruisers like the Arethusa and Undaunted—which already have covered themselves with glory in this war—together with destroyers, can manoeuvre in the region of Heligoland without receiving any injury from German submarines. Secondly, it is possible for the naval aerial service to strike at the home bases of the German fleet. More dashes of the sort may now be looked for. It was the success of the military aerial excursion to Cologne which prompted the raids upon Friedrichshaven and Frieberg. Both the German army and naval bases soon will be made fairly familiar with the outlines of British aerial craft.

The battle between the German Taube and two British aeroplanes over the Thames a few days ago shows how difficult it is to shoot down one of those darting little machines. It shows, too, how absolutely overmatched a Zeppelin would be in a contest against these mosquito craft of the air. A Zeppelin with a five hundred-foot gas bag would be a target that could not be missed, while it would be exceedingly difficult to hit an aeroplane hovering directly above it. We imagine the British aerial service would like nothing better than to welcome that much-touted Zeppelin expedition.

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

In a year when the statements of the principal banks of Canada are being closely scrutinized in all the leading banking centres of the world, there is reason for congratulation that they should show, in some instances, exceptional strength and solidity.

To a very marked degree is this the case with the showing made by the Royal Bank of Canada, which is sending out to shareholders its forty-fifth annual statement. For a number of years past the Royal Bank has been making such steady progress that shareholders have become somewhat accustomed to satisfactory statements, but what should be especially gratifying to them this year is that under the very unusual conditions that prevailed throughout the financial world the bank should have been able to make a record showing in the departments that make for strength, namely, in cash on hand and liquid assets.

It is perhaps owing to the peculiar conditions that prevail in the country as a result of the European war that the banks have found it advisable to keep themselves in a position that would enable them to help in any contingency that might arise, and in this way secure the real interests of the country at large. To what extent the Royal Bank has followed such a policy can be best appreciated from the general statement, which shows that at the close of its fiscal year, November 30, 1914, the amount of cash on hand reached the high level of \$27,583,555, equivalent to such a large percentage as 17.83 of liabilities to the public. At the end of the previous year the cash on hand was equivalent to 18.83 per cent., so that for the year an increase of over \$6,000,000 is shown. The liquid assets, in which the cash on hand is also included, amount to \$91,244,672, equivalent to as much as 46.16 per cent. of liabilities to the public. In its valuation of its investments the bank has evidently followed its usual conservative policy, as this year an allowance for depreciation is made of a half million dollars. It would seem as though this allowance was only one of precaution, as in time the securities should more than make up the depreciation now being allowed.

Notwithstanding the general contraction which has occurred in business throughout Canada, more particularly in manufacturing, the volume of business done by the bank has been well maintained, the current loans amounting to \$84,585,972, as compared with \$86,290,290 at the end of the previous year, while other current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada show a very slight change, amounting to \$15,002,488, as compared with \$15,551,594.

A rather surprising feature of the statement is that the deposits bearing interest reached a new high level at \$104,827,078, as compared with \$101,900,790, an increase of close to \$3,000,000.

There are some unusual provisions made in the profit and loss account this year. This applies to the allowance of \$500,000, which has been made for depreciation in investment and a contribution of \$60,000 to patriotic funds. The profits for the year showed a falling

off as compared with the previous year, due perhaps to the fact that such attention was being given to the maintenance of a strong position. They amounted to \$1,886,142, equivalent to 16.30 per cent. on the paid-up capital.

ANNEXING BELGIUM.

Between the announcement that Germany is preparing to annex Belgium and the admission of a defeat in the campaign before Warsaw is an intimate and significant connection. As a palliative the one is the corollary of the other. It is the sugar that must coat the bitter pill of defeat. A fanfare of trumpets and the announcement that Belgium has been added to the "glorious provinces of invincible Germany" will be empty compensation for the enormous sacrifices of a futile military expedition. If the people are befuddled by such a clumsy distraction, if they are dazzled by such tinsel into ignorance of the real situation, they are hopeless.

This kind of chloroform has been tried several times since August. Failing in the excursion to Paris, the German staff threw away fifty thousand lives in the useless capture of Antwerp, in celebrating which the German people forgot the failure of the campaign in France. Utterly disheartened in the first attempt upon Warsaw, they made a frantic effort to break across the Yser and hold up Calais as another distraction. This freerunner did not go off, although the effort cost two hundred thousand lives, and now the stock of gaudy show victories is so low that the general staff must resort to proclamations annexing countries which everybody outside of Germany knows they cannot hold.

The annexation of Belgium by the Germans would be followed by overtures from Berlin for peace. By offering to give up the newly-acquired "German territory" German negotiators would endeavor to bluff their way clear of the enormous concessions that will be demanded of them. After all, it will be the only card they can play, and it will be the most forlorn of forlorn hopes. This is the opportunity of a lifetime to kill the octopus of militarism and a good job will be made of it. As for the "annexation" of Belgium, the proceeding will be viewed by the rest of the world with amused contempt. Napoleon annexed half of Europe, including Holland and Belgium, but when he was overthrown France was smaller than it was when he began his luminous career. The German empire will shrink similarly as a result of its crazy plunge of August last.

MIXING HIS PERSONALITIES.

The caustic comment of the Chief Justice a few days ago relative to the way in which Attorney-General Bower and his subconscious self, W. J. Bowser, of the well-known law firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, get their respective entities mixed up, helps to refresh the public recollection.

When the amiable Mr. Gotoh organized the immigration agency which arranged to import Oriental labor to this country under contract with two big corporations, he paid Messrs. Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge the compliment of retaining them as his solicitors. About the same time Mr. Bowser, the Attorney-General, was fathering legislation in the provincial house dealing with the subject of Oriental immigration.

When the government attempted to acquire the Kitchikano Indian reserve a gentleman who had been associated with the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge acted as one of the middlemen, among whom was divided a commission amounting to some \$50,000 on a two hundred thousand dollar deal. We use the word "attempted" in connection with his transaction advisedly, for it was carried out in violation of the Indian Act, and consequently the Indians still own the reserve, although the money, including the commission, has been paid over by the province. We are surprised that neither Attorney-General Bower, nor Mr. Bowser, of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, was not more conversant with the terms of the act. Either should have known.

We find, also, that some of the principal land syndicates have been in the habit of retaining the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge in forwarding their applications to acquire government lands. A large part, if not all, of the areas received was obtained under conditions contrary to the provisions of the law. Again we are surprised that both Attorney-General Bower and W. J. Bowser, of the firm, should have been so imperfectly informed on the land act.

Finally we see that the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge were the solicitors of the Dominion Trust, which, according to the Attorney-General, "had been bankrupt for years," and which had been permitted to do everything a trust company should not do to the ruin of depositors and investors, and the deepest injury to the good name of the province. What would happen if every member of the provincial executive were head of a law firm with so many ramifications?

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The report that Mr. Barnard is going to the Senate while Sir Richard McBride is to run in Victoria for the federal house has aroused considerable interest. In the light of a recent prominent appointment Mr. Barnard's translation to the upper house would meet with no little criticism, especially from the ranks of his own party. Nor would it be proper for Sir Richard to abandon the provincial ship at this stage of its voyage. He has piloted it into the doldrums and should stay with it until smooth water is reached even though another captain and crew are put in charge. Sir Richard has a big overdraft of unfulfilled pledges to meet. This is something he cannot unload upon the attorney-general.

A French newspaper suggests the dispatch of representatives from Liege, Rheims, Arras, Lille and Louvain to the Panama Pacific exposition to learn how San Francisco rose from its ashes in ten years to a greater city than before. The San Francisco example becomes the more striking when it is recalled that the city had to do its own financing. The financing of the destroyed Belgian and French cities will be done by Germany. More than half their troubles will have been cleared away before the work is started.

Unemployment in many important lines in England is less than it was a year ago. Labor conditions are fairly normal. It is not hard to understand the remark that the British navy is winning a victory every day. It is doing more than winning victories. It is winning a war.

The German war office reports that the allies are attacking Nieupoort by land and sea. This point must have changed hands or the German bulletin is a lie. A few weeks ago the allies had Nieupoort.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APOLOGIA.

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When Britain took the Outer Sets Patrol of endless coast, Her honor is her majesty, Her duty is her boast. No people in the pit of hell Shall call to her in vain, The guard of freedom has she been, And so she shall remain: Trusted, true of hand and heart— And so she shall remain.

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- Oak Book Shelves, strongly made, well finished in golden color; four shelves. Each, only \$2.90
- Oak Writing Desk, useful size, well made and finished in golden, also in mahogany. Each \$11.50
- Smokers' Cabinets of solid oak, fitted with shelf and lead light door. A very useful gift and an attractive piece of furniture for the den. Each \$13.50
- Oak Hall Seats make a handsome and lasting gift; various styles in fumed and Early English finishes. Each \$15.75
- Oak Pedestals for hall, landing or to stand in a corner of a room. Various styles and heights, and finishes. Each, \$3, \$3.90 and \$5.75
- Oak Jardinieres, attractive styles. Each \$4.75
- Hearth Furniture
Curbs and Curb Suites, in a splendid selection. These are all brass, in bright and brush finished antique copper and Flemish. Prices range from \$2.25 to \$45.00
- Fancy Coal Vases
In various shapes. Some all brass, others in antique copper, also in brush and polished brass finish. A splendid range of English Coal Boxes. These have inside lining and shovel, lid, neatly decorated with flowered designs. All prices from \$2.25 to \$14.50



A Large Selection of Cozy Easy Chairs Are Marked at Attractive Prices

A beautiful Axminster Rug will brighten up the home for the New Year, and one of these would make a most acceptable gift. A large size Rug, made with a deep, rich pile, and your choice from a very large assortment of choice designs and colorings; finished each end with knotted wool fringe. Splendid value for \$3.25

Art Cushion Squares
Artistic Cushion Squares, Runners and Table Covers, beautifully worked in the Russian style. We have a nice assortment to choose from, and any one piece would make a useful gift. Priced from 50c to \$3.50

Complete Clearance of Wool and All Brass Dolls Beds at Half-Price and Less—Tuesday

Every Dolls' Bed must go, not one must be left over, so to make an immediate clearance we have reduced prices to half, and in some cases less than half. Here are the prices, but we advise you to get in early and have first choice as in some styles there is only one of a kind.

- White Enamel Beds with gilt trimmings, size 12 x 18 in. Regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 values for 75c
- Wood Beds, finished in white enamel and in green, size 12 x 24 in. Regular \$2.25 and \$2.50 values for \$1.00
- White Enamel Bed, with gilt finish. Regular \$2.75 value for \$1.25

- Brass Beds—Regular \$4.50 value clearing at only \$2.50
- Regular \$6.50 value clearing at \$3.50
- Brass Beds, with canopy tops and draperies complete. Regular \$7.50 value for \$3.50
- Regular \$8.50 value for \$4.50

Complete Clearance of All Christmas Toys at Greatly Reduced Prices.
—Toyland—Second Floor

Ladies' Kid Gloves—A Pleasing Gift for the New Year

Send your friend a hearty greeting for the New Year and let your greeting be accompanied by a pair of Perrin's, Trefousse or Dent's Kid Gloves. It would be an appropriate expression of your friendship.

- Trefousse Dorothy Glace Kid Gloves, in tan, brown, navy, green, wine, slate, beaver, white and black. Self, white and black points; two-clasp. Per pair \$1.50
- Trefousse Dorothy Suede Gloves, plique sewn, in grey, tan, brown and black; two-clasp. Per pair \$1.50
- Trefousse Gloves for Evening Wear. 12-button length. Per pair \$2.50
- 16-button length. Per pair \$3.25
- 20-button length. Per pair \$4.00

Spencer's Glove and Merchandise Scrip Issued for Any Amount.

- Perrin's Marchioness Glace Kid Gloves—in colors slate, tan, brown, navy, green, white and black; two-clasp. Special per pair \$1.00
- Dent's Dogskin Gloves—Heavy weight quality, tan only; one-clasp. Special per pair \$1.00
- Ladies' Dogskin Gloves—English make, extra quality, in tan only; one-clasp. Per pair \$1.25
- Children's Dogskin Gloves, in sizes 000 to 1. Per pair 75c
- Sizes 2 to 6. Per pair \$1.00

—Main Floor

Extra Good Values in White Flannelette Gowns at 75c, \$1 and \$1.25

A special purchase of Ladies' White Flannelette Night-gowns, just opened up, and on sale to-day. These Gowns are manufactured from extra good quality flannelette and they are all marked at inexpensive prices. The quality will sell these quickly at \$1.25, \$1.00 and 75c

—First Floor

Silk Hose Makes Useful Gifts for Ladies

For a friend who wears Silk Hose why not make her a useful gift of two or three pairs for the New Year? She will be delighted with any of the following qualities:

- Ladies' Black Silk Hose, well made and full fashioned. Special value, per pair, 50c and 75c
- Black Onyx Silk Hose at, per pair, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50
- Kayser Silk Hose, black only, at, per pair, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
- Holeproof Silk Hose, black only, at, per pair \$1.00
- 3 pairs in box, with full guarantee, at, per box \$3.00
- Colored Onyx Silk Hose, in all colors. Splendid quality, at, per pair \$1.50
- French Silk Hose, in all colors, at, per pair, only \$2.75

—Main Floor

Underwear for Women

Beautifully warm and cozy for wear the year round.

- Vests with Fancy Tops, with and without sleeves. Each, 35c to \$2.00
- Combinations of fine wool, short sleeves and low neck \$1.85

—First Floor

Men's and Youth's Seasonable Furnishings

Suitable for New Year Gifts

See the splendid values we are offering in Men's, Youths' and Boys' Furnishings suitable for New Year's gifts. There's a satisfying variety and the prices will please you.

- Mufflers in woolen mixtures, long shape, finished with fringed ends, mens' and boys' sizes. Each 75c and 50c
- Mufflers in silk mixtures, each \$1.25, \$1.00
- Better Grade Mufflers in silk and wool stuff effects, very effective and a splendid wearing quality. Each \$2.00
- Men's Fancy Arm Bands and Garters, put up in single boxes at prices from, pair, 75c to 25c
- White Hemstitched Cambric Handkerchiefs, full size, Irish make, at, per dozen, \$1.00 and \$1.50
- White Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, Irish make, put up in fancy boxes. Per dozen, \$6.00, \$4.00 and \$3.00
- White Linen Handkerchiefs, with initials from A to Z. Each, 50c, 35c and 25c
- Or by the dozen in fancy boxes.
- White Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, plain or initial 25c
- Initial, each, 50c and 25c
- White Jap Silk Mufflers, large size \$1.25
- Men's Collar Boxes, in suede and fancy leather. Each, \$2.00 to \$1.00
- Men's Fancy Jewelry for New Year gifts, put up in single boxes. Tie Pin, Cuff Links and Tie Clip, all to match. Per set at \$1.50
- A Large Range of Tie Pins from 75c up to \$1.50
- Fancy Tie Clips. Each, 50c and 25c
- Men's Watch Fobs. Special value at \$1.75

—Main Floor

Men's Serviceable Negligee and Outing Shirts Sell at \$1 and \$1.25

These are splendid quality Shirts for business or outing wear, and you have your choice from a big range of smart designs in striped effects, also self colors. Your husband or brother would appreciate a practical gift like one of these for the New Year.

- Negligee Shirts, cut coat shape, full size in body, finished with 3 in. starched cuffs; in plain white and blue, also fancy stripes; all sizes. Special at \$1.00
- Outing Shirts, with separate collar to match, in colors blue, tan and cream, soft French cuffs. Special at \$1.00
- Business or Dress Shirts, plain white, with fancy stripe of self. Special at \$1.25
- White Negligee Shirts, with pleated bosoms. Special at \$1.25

—Main Floor

New Fiction

- Innocent, by Marie Corelli \$1.25
- The Wall of Partition, by Florence L. Barclay \$1.50
- The Petrol of the Sun Dance Trail, by Ralph Connor \$1.25
- The Mutiny of the Elsinore, by Jack London \$1.35
- The Wife of Sir Isaac Harman, by H. G. Wells \$1.50
- The Strength of the Strong, by Jack London \$1.25
- The World Set Free, by H. G. Wells \$1.25
- The Pretender, by Robert W. Service \$1.25

—Main Floor

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BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

Wm. Stewart, Men's and Ladies'
Tailor shop, Campbell building, cor-
ner Fort and Douglas streets.

Ohlson's Roses are the best.
These Ace Days of Hurry—There-
fore you should take that 25c Mer-
chants' Lunch at the Blanshard Inn—
next Public Library.

The B. C. Funeral Co.—Always
open. Private parlors and large
chapel. Reasonable charges for all
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Montrose Rooms.—Blanshard street.
are exceptionally well ventilated and
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room for the winter months it will
pay you to examine them. Special
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nection.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

Quick as Lightning is the service
of the 25c Merchants' Lunch at the
Blanshard Inn—next Public Library.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Taxi Service.—For the best and most
up-to-date in the city. C. & C. Taxi-
cabs. Phone 185.

White Sewing Machine Store, 1221
Douglas.

Piano for Rent, \$4. Phone 2507R.

"This War Has Shown the Thinking
Canadian that as long as a man has
a farm of his own he cannot lose his job,
and his food problem is solved for him."
A clerk, dependent on the resources
of the city in which he lives, when he
is thrown out of work feels the ground
slipping from under his feet—precisely
because it is not his ground. Maude
Radford Warren in The Saturday
Evening Post.

If you want some ground of your
own in close touch with the E. & N.
railway in the Nanaimo and Newcastle
districts with five years in which to
pay for it, write or call on the Van-
couver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd., Gen-
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Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Most Sanitary—All outside rooms;
steamheat and hot water—\$2.50 per
week at the Blanshard Inn—next
Public Library.

After Christmas have things re-
paired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614
Cormorant Street.

Dance at Cloverdale Hall to-night.

Hang Your Christmas calendars,
photos, etc., with Moore's Push Pins.
They have glass handles and steel
points, and will not mar the wall, 10c
package, at R. A. Brown & Co., 1202
Douglas Street.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

A Veteran General—South African
campaigners here, particularly those
who were in the sixth division, regret
the announcement of the death of
General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, G.
C. B., at his Irish residence. Several
of them were with him at the relief
of Kimberley and the rounding up of
General Cronje.

Was Long in the Province.—The
death occurred at Savona last week
of Samuel McCartney, a pioneer who
was well known from the coast to the
mountains. The late Mr. McCartney
was born in Belfast in 1847 and came
to the province in 1882, landing in this
city. From here he went to the Car-
lino and in 1885 he took up his resi-
dence in Kamloops. During the con-
struction of the C. P. R. through the
mountains he was employed on the
work, with his headquarters at Illecille-
wet. Of recent years he had acted
as bookkeeper for Adam Ferguson
and the Wilson estate at Savona.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

Hotel Ritz, winter rates, rooms, \$2
per week and up; Turkey dinner, Xmas
Day and Sunday, 50c.

Carried No Lights.—O. Anderson
was fined \$5 in the police court this
morning for riding a bicycle along
Government street without having a
lighted lamp attached.

Rifle Associations.—There are a
large number of rifle associations be-
ing formed throughout the Dominion,
as witness the weekly militia gen-
eral orders issued from headquarters
at Ottawa. In the last issue of the
Canada Gazette there is announced
the authorization of twenty-eight as-
sociations.

Theft is Alleged.—Charged with the
theft of an electric iron and two
keys, two Chinese youths named Quon
Lin Wong and Quong Gook Chan this
morning pleaded not guilty to Magis-
trate Jay. They were remanded un-
til to-morrow morning. It is alleged
that they stole the articles from one
Chun Sing.

Ward H. Association.—The execu-
tive of the Ward H. Ratepayers' as-
sociation of Saanich this morning, in ac-
cordance with the resolution of the
meeting on Wednesday, opened an em-
ployment bureau at the corner of
Douglas street and the main Saanich
road. The hours of registration are
from 10 a. m. to noon, and from 2
o'clock to 4 o'clock.

Provincial Member Loses Mother.—
L. W. Shatford, member of the legis-
lature for Similkameen has lost his
mother, whose death occurred at Hub-
bards, N. S., on Thursday. Mr. Shat-
ford at once left for the east to at-
tend the funeral, and was joined at
Sicamous by his brother, W. T. Shat-
ford, president of the provincial Con-
servative association.

Received Severe Injuries.—Slipping
on the top step of the stairs at the
St. Francis hotel on Saturday night,
Alexander Macdonald fell to the
ground floor and received severe in-
juries about the head. When Dr. Sin-
clair arrived the man was uncon-
scious and his removal to the Jubilee
hospital was thereupon ordered. He
was taken to the hospital in the po-
lice patrol.

Copyrights Granted.—Copyright
has been granted by the department
of agriculture to Frances Ebbs Cana-
van and Lillian Clarke Sweeney, Vic-
toria, for the little booklet, "The Tale
of a Belgian Hare," which was no-
ticed in these columns some days ago.
Copyright has also been granted to
L. W. Makovski, Vancouver, for a
book, "Land and Labor: The Oppor-
tunity of British Columbia."

From Empress of Ireland.—Mrs.
McEwan, 2525 West street, this morn-
ing received a letter returned from
the dead letter office, this being a
communication addressed to friends
in Scotland and recovered from the
Empress of Ireland wreck. B. J. Gil-
looly also got back a letter from the
wreck this morning. It was written
to a brother-in-law at Southport,
Eng., and is an excellent state of
preservation, the ink of the address
being as plain as when written.

Elected Officers.—At its monthly
meeting at the A. O. F. hall, the Vic-
toria Gaelic society elected the follow-
ing officers for the ensuing term:
President, Wm. McGilivray; vice-
president, A. McDonald; second vice-
president, A. McPhee; recording sec-
retary, R. McKenzie; financial sec-
retary, Angus McDonald; treasurer, R.
McLean; warden, J. McLeod; piper,
Wm. Wishart; chaplain, Rev. Dr.
Campbell. A social and dance fol-
lowed and was much enjoyed by all
present. The annual concert and
dance will take place on January 28.

Empress Ball.—Preparations are
now practically complete for the great
Empress ball on New Year's Eve. This
function has always been one of the
most popular of the whole season and
this year the presence of a large num-
ber of soldiers in the city promises to
give it even more brilliancy and color
than in the past. The tickets have
been limited to 250 in order to pro-
vide everyone present with a seat in
the main dining-room. It is request-
ed by the management that all parties
of six and over should reserve tables
beforehand.

Sepia's last word in fine photo-
graphy—Just the thing for Xmas pre-
sents. The Skene Lowe Studio, 654
Yates street, corner Douglas.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 28, 1889.

If the cold weather stays and becomes rigorous enough to congeal the
surface of Goodacre Lakelet at the park, good skating will be the result.
The chairman of the park committee has stated that no objection will be
raised against skating parties enjoying themselves there, but gives the
warning that the ice is not to be tried till it is strong enough to bear well.

The Odd Fellows' hall was packed last evening with men, women and
children, the occasion being the annual Christmas tree given for the en-
tertainment of the children of the order. There were between four and five
hundred children present.

Thomas Tugwell, of the Colonial hotel, Johnson street, has decided to
erect a three-story brick block on the property now occupied by the hotel.
A dispatch from Washington, D. C., says that L. A. Wells will be ap-
pointed to the vacant position of United States consul.

Public Dance.—A public dance will be held to-morrow evening at Temple's hall, Victoria West.

Won Prizes.—The Ivy Leaf Social
club held its weekly whist drive on
Christmas Eve in the Knights of Py-
thias hall, an enjoyable time was
spent by all. The following ladies and
gentlemen won prizes: First lady,
Mrs. Phillips; second lady, Mrs. Oddy;
consolation prize, Mrs. Tunnicliffe,
first gentleman, P. James; second
gentleman, T. Coleman. The sealed
prizes were won by Miss Henly and A.
O. Peatt. No whist drive will be held
on New Year's Eve, but one will be
held on the first Thursday in January.

Independent Foresters.—Notice is
given in the current issue of the Cana-
da Gazette by the Independent Order
of Foresters of intention to apply to
parliament at the coming session for
an act amending its legislation by
adding the following section: "The
society shall be bound to maintain in
respect of all its outstanding mortu-
ary benefit certificates or policies the
reserve on the basis of the Foresters'
Experience and four per cent. annual
interest."

Wesley Methodist Services.—A special
programme of music was provided
both yesterday morning and evening
in connection with the services at
Wesley Methodist church. Miss May
Mitchell was the special soloist in the
morning, and in addition to a number
of carols and hymns, she sang the
choir sang special Christmas anthems.
In the evening Mrs. Bennett gave a
very beautiful rendering of "Come
Unto Him, All Ye That Labor," from
Handel's Messiah. A. T. Waite also
sang "Nazareth," and the choir fur-
nished a Christmas anthem. The sub-
ject of Rev. S. J. Thompson's morn-
ing sermon was "Star of Bethlehem,"
and of the evening sermon, "Thou
Shalt Call His Name Jesus." The
Sunday School Christmas entertain-
ment at Wesley church will take
place at 7:30 to-morrow evening. A
splendid programme of recitations,
songs, carols, drills and dialogues, has
been arranged. Next Saturday after-
noon the Christmas tree for the pri-
mary pupils of the Sunday school will
be held.

Service for Homeless.—The Do-
minion theatre was packed last even-
ing on the occasion of the special ser-
vices arranged by the First Baptist
church for the man away from home.
The special feature of the service was
the soldiers' choir, which took the
place of the regular choir and sang the
anthem for the evening, Mrs. Stan-
land sang very sympathetically
"Where is My Wandering Boy To-
night?" The subject of the pastor's
text was II Samuel, xlii: 15: "And
David longed, and said, Oh that one
would give me drink of the water of
Bethlehem, which is by the gate." The
idea brought out in the address was
that even as David's thoughts turned
longingly to the old well so should
men's thoughts at this season more
particularly turn to the sweet refresh-
ing memories of childhood, with its
safe anchorage of home and unshaken
faith in the redeeming power of
Christ. Let every man who was
away from home write a letter be-
fore the entrance of the New Year,
and keep the remembrance warm. Let
those who had homes make more of
them and of the family whose future
was being formed by the teachings
therein.

IMPORTANT TO INSURERS.

If it is considered good business and
in the best interests of the policyhold-
ers of the Prudential Insurance Com-
pany of America to buy out the stock-
holders even at the huge cost of \$18-
000,000, then it must surely follow that
it is good business to carry a policy in
The Mutual Life of Canada where
there are no stockholders to be bought
out. Especially is this the case when
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BRITAIN'S CASE AGAINST GERMANY.

Longmans, Green & Co., Manches-
ter and New York, announce the im-
mediate publication of a work by Pro-
fessor Ramsay Muir, of the University
of Manchester, entitled "Britain's Case
Against Germany." This book, written
by a historian of position and ability,
should attract considerable attention
and should be widely circulated. Pro-
fessor Ramsay Muir proves that the
present war has long been prepared for
and intended by Germany, and argues
from Prussian history that it is the
outcome of the traditional Prussian
policy for two centuries; a policy op-
posed to a nobler and more inspiring
ideal, the ideal of the Germany of
Goethe, of Stein, and of Dahlmann.
This Prussian policy of brute force is
shown to be opposed to the sane ideal
of the rest of Europe which have
been growing up during the later part
of the Nineteenth Century, and for
which the British empire throughout
the world is now fighting.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTIS- ING WINS OUT AGAIN

A large industry located in New
York recently cancelled all other
forms of advertising and doubled
its newspaper appropriation.

It is carrying out a national
campaign and appealing directly to
consumers.
It is using large, forceful, well
written copy—and it is increasing
its sales.
It is only another evidence that
the trend of national advertising is
towards the newspapers.

DECLINE IN ATTENDANCE

Small Falling Off in December Fig-
ures is Shown in Record of
City Schools.

The school attendance at the city
schools in the month of December showed
a falling off of 72 pupils from the total
for November, but the figures are re-
garded as better than usual in the last
month of the year.

The details are as follows:

School	Dec.	Nov.
McGill	66	63
Hugh	583	592
Boys' Central	441	455
Girls' Central	435	434
North Ward	375	390
South Park	319	320
George Jay	381	390
Victoria West	351	367
Sir James Douglas	411	364
Burnside	295	219
Oaklands	258	267
Kingston Street	158	160
Bank Street	147	149
Spring Ridge	129	132
King's Road	128	138
Rock Bay	49	54
Beacon Hill	133	133
Clack	124	134
Fernwood	58	58
Margaret Jenkins	63	69
Pembroke	22	22
Protestant Orphanage	22	42
Special	15	15
Flisgard	96	78
Total	4,929	5,011

MEETINGS

Orphans' Christmas Tree.—A Christ-
mas tree will be held at the Protestant
Orphan's Home to-morrow afternoon
at 2, when gifts will be distributed to
the children and a cantata entitled
"Winter-time" will be rendered. After-
noon tea will be served by the ladies
of the committee. All are cordially
invited.

S. O. E. Dance.—The Sons of En-
gland will hold their weekly dance at
St. John's hall, Herald street, to-night.
Dancing will be indulged in from 9 to
12. The proceeds will go in aid of de-
pendents of the boys on active service.
It is hoped many will attend and assist
the worthy cause.

To Hold Social.—A social will be
held to-night at James Bay Methodist
Church at 8 o'clock, under the auspices
of the Epworth League. Amongst
other interesting events will be a bun-
eating contest, a nail driving competi-
tion for ladies and a hat trimming com-
petition for men. A musical programme
will be provided.

Spanish Ratepayers.—An executive
meeting of Ward 2 Spanish Rate-
payers Association will be held in the
office at the corner of Saanich Road
and the V. & S. Railway to-morrow
evening at 8 for the purpose of making
arrangements to collect a list of the un-
employed in the ward. All executive
members are requested to attend.

Christmas Entertainment.—The
Sunday school Christmas entertainment
of the Methodist Chinese Mission will
be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the
church, 528 Flisgard street. A splen-
did programme will be rendered by the
children and older members of the
Sunday school. Dr. Osterhout, superin-
tendent of Oriental work in British Col-
umbia, will occupy the chair. These
are always very happy occasions at the
mission and all are cordially invited to
come and enjoy this evening's enter-
tainment.

First Presbyterian Church.—To-mor-
row evening there will be a big chil-
dren's entertainment at the First
Presbyterian church, commencing with
tea at 6 o'clock, a Christmas tree and
an elaborate programme later in the
evening, in the course of which prizes
will be distributed in connection with
the examination held at the end of the
last quarter. On Thursday evening
instead of a "Watch Night" service
there will be a service of prayer and
praise from 8 to 9 p. m., to which a
cordial invitation is extended.

Daughters of Pity Dance.—The
Daughters of Pity some time ago de-
cided in view of the needs of the
Children's Ward, Royal Jubilee Hospi-
tal, to hold their annual dance as usual,
and the event will take place at the
Alexandra hall on the afternoon and
evening of January 8. There will be
the usual children's dance from 4 to 8
p. m. (fancy dress optional), admission
being fifty cents. All the regular ar-
rangements are being made for tea
and music. Dancing for the adults
will be from 8 to 2, and the proceeds of
both functions will be turned in to the



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Siamese Patrol (Lincke). Columbia Band.
Twilight Dreams (Thurban). Columbia Band.
The Only Girl (Herbert). "When You're Away." Grace Kerna, soprano.
Orchestra accompaniment.
The Song of Songs (Moya). Grace Kerna, soprano. Orchestra accom-
paniment.
Chin-Chin (Carroll). "Love Moon." Miriam Clark, soprano, and John
Barnes Wells, tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.
Calling Me Home (Barratt). Columbia Stellar Quartette. Orchestra
accompaniment.
A Little Bit of Heaven (shure They Call It Ireland) (Ball). John Barnes
Wells, tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.
Roses Remind Me of Someone (Dempsy and Schmid). Henry Burr,
tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.
Cotton Blossom Time (Wenrich). Billy Burton, tenor, and Edgar Hall,
baritone. Orchestra accompaniment.
Tennessee, I Hear You Calling Me (Godfrey). Billy Burton, tenor. Or-
chestra accompaniment.
We Take Our Hats Off to You, Mr. Wilson (Merrill). Peerless Quar-
tette. Orchestra accompaniment.
The A. O. H. of the U. S. A. (Gloggan). Peerless Quartette. Orchestra
accompaniment.
Tip Top Tipperary Mary (Carroll). Henry Santrey, baritone. Orches-
tra accompaniment.
By the Side of the Girl You Love (Goetz). Arthur Clough, tenor. Or-
chestra accompaniment.
It's Too Late Now (Von Tilzer). Arthur Collins, baritone, and Byron G.
Harlan, tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.
That Moonlight Serenade (Meyer). Arthur Collins, baritone, and Byron
G. Harlan, tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.

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gramme. Tickets for adults will be
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Tabernacle Sunday School Treat.—
The Sunday school entertainment and
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Baptist church will be held this even-
ing in the church. Tea will be served
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body is welcome to both, and the offi-
cers look for a large attendance and a
joyful time. Mrs. D. O. Brown is in
charge of the singing of the children,
who have prepared several special
reasonable selections. There will be a
number of recitations and dialogues.

Weish Elstadded.—The Victoria
Cymrodorion Society will hold a social
and Elstadded on New Year's Eve,
January 31, at Colbert's Hall, Fort
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the following solos will be open for
competition: Bass Solo, "Captain
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soprano, "Y. Deryn Pur," contralto,
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LITTLE GIRL KILLED

Daughter of Uluet Rancher Struck by Charge of Gun Left Lying Carelessly by Neighbor.

A very sad accident befell the family of Ernest C. Williams, a rancher living near Uluet, on Christmas Eve, which cost the life of his little five-year-old daughter, Ethel.

Mrs. Williams is in a serious condition from blood-poisoning and had left home about two hours on his way to Port Alberni hospital, accompanied by Mrs. Williams, when the accident happened. The children were at a neighbor's house when a ten-gauge shotgun which was lying on the table fell to the floor, and the trigger catching as it fell the charge was exploded, striking the unfortunate child full in the chest and inflicting a terrible wound from which death was instantaneous.

Mrs. Williams did not learn of her child's death until her return from Port Alberni on Christmas day, and has been almost distracted since. The father is too weak to be told and will probably not know for several days of the lamentable affair.

The child was one of the prettiest little girls in Uluet and the accident put a damper on all Christmas celebration in the vicinity. Great sympathy is felt there for the family, and also in some degree for the family in whose home the accident occurred.

An inquest was held at which a verdict of accidental death was rendered, coupled with a censure of the man who had left the loaded gun on the table near the children. The funeral took place to Uluet cemetery, and the services were conducted by Rev. Leslie Todd, Clayquot.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

A. W. Banting, of Ladysmith, is staying at the Empress hotel.

W. C. Gilliam is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

R. W. Hunter is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

C. R. Stevens has arrived from Los Angeles and is at the Empress hotel.

William H. Greenwood, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel.

H. L. Burris is here from Kamloops, and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNeely are guests at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

G. F. Monckton, of Vancouver, is among the guests at the Strathcona hotel.

P. Annance, of Cowichan Lake, is in the city, a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

K. Winslow, Jr., is in the city from Seattle and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

T. N. Bland is in the city from Vancouver and is staying at the Empress hotel.

W. Rippon, of Vancouver, is among the mainland guests at the Strathcona hotel.

H. Hodgson is a guest at the Strathcona hotel while in the city from Vancouver.

W. J. Long arrived in the city from Toledo, and is staying at the Empress hotel.

R. N. Moore, who is staying at the Empress hotel, arrived in the city from Regina yesterday.

H. Greenburg and W. A. Gilmore are two Seattle residents now staying at the Empress hotel.

L. A. Headly has arrived in the city from Alia, Alberta, and is registered at the Empress hotel.

J. D. McMartin and F. W. Finn, both of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress hotel today.

W. S. Thorpe is a visitor in the capital from Cowichan Lake, and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Donaldson are in the city from Vancouver and are registered at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, of

Brandon, Man., are newly-arrived guests at the Strathcona hotel.

J. S. Martin, of Edmonton, is at the Dominion hotel.

L. J. Vellat, of Edmonton, is at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Simon are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Crawford, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion hotel.

F. H. Robinson and family, of Winnipeg, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Thomas Harkness and family, of Kelsey, Sask., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Simpson, of Scranton, Pa., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

One of the week-end visitors to the city was J. S. Johnson, of Armstrong, who came on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Palmer have arrived in the city from Chemainus and are registered at the Empress hotel.

C. G. Lawrence and family, of Glenora, Manitoba, have arrived in the city and are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, went over to Vancouver on the midnight boat on Saturday for a short business visit.

Captain H. and Mrs. Faragher and W. J. Jefferson, of the Wallace Fisheries Co. at Kildonan, are at the Dominion hotel.

A party of visitors from Moose Jaw, Sask., is staying at the Dominion hotel. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Greer, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holmes.

Many friends of Eric Craft, of the bank of British North America, gathered at the wharf to-day to give him a good send off on the S.S. Prince George, on which he sailed for the north. Mr. Craft, who is popular with his business associates as well as a wide circle of personal friends, has been transferred to the Fort George branch of the bank of British North America, and is accompanied by the good wishes of all who knew him.

A pretty wedding took place on Christmas Eve in St. Saviour's church when the Rev. Robt. Connell united in marriage Jessica Lydia "Dolly," eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Staff, of Woodgreen, London, Eng., and Frank Thomas, son of Mrs. Jas. Skinner, of Victoria West. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily dressed in a navy blue tailored costume with hat to match, and was attended by her two sisters, the Misses Jean and Sophie Staff, while Alfred Staff supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner left on the midnight boat for Vancouver on a short honeymoon and on their return will reside at 424 William street.

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The Christmas bells ring out their chime. Their old-time message fills the air: That message breathing forth goodwill. To all on earth a blessing rare. But what a world that Giver sees. This holy sacred Christmas time! A world of bloodshed, war and strife, With nations steeped in lawful crime. Ring out, and banish for all time. These awful days of shot and shell. The murderous gun, the rending steel. That desecrates our hearths and homes, And hastens on destruction's flight; Ring out, and usher in the day— Which comes to banish war's dark night.

Ring out the day when empires' fate Shall destined be by man alone; That man, who rules with iron fist; The holder of a tottering throne, Whose edicts bear the awful stamp Of wanton bloodshed, lust and ill. Ring out the day when such as he With war can satisfy his will.

Ring out, ye bells, and bring in peace; Ring out, and in your loudest tone Disseminate through all the world Your message fraught with good alone. Ring out, till nations, man with man, Be joined for one great common weal, Ring out, till love's encircling band Shall bind us and with friendship seal.

AT THE THEATRES

PICTURES ARE GOOD.

This afternoon for the first time in this city Jane Grey the noted American actress made her first appearance in "The Little Gray Lady" at the Royal Victoria theatre. This motion picture will be shown for the next three days with a matinee each afternoon and two performances in the evening. The picture is a very good one and the story shows the love and fidelity of a very pretty girl for her sweetheart, who does not play the game as it should be played. He is at last made to see the true worth of "The Little Gray Lady," and she is rewarded by the reform and lasting love of the man she loves.

WAR PICTURES.

Owing to the great demand for war news in motion pictures the management of the Majestic theatre has secured at great expense 1,200 feet of genuine photos taken in Belgium by the Lubin company with the special permission of the Belgian government. They comprise the most wonderful and realistic scenes of the European war that have been shown up to the time of writing, and the wonder and amazement of all who have seen them is great. The shelling of several towns including Termonde, fighting between the Belgians and the Germans, British troops at close quarters, and fighting on the streets are a few of the many scenes that are vividly depicted.

"Ann the Blacksmith" is a special two-part dramatic production which is worthy of unusual notice and the comedy end of the bill is also well taken care of. The last issue of the Hearst Selig News containing the latest news in pictures from all parts of the world completes the bill.

"THE COLLEGE WIDOW."

The performance by the Allen Players at the Princess theatre of that fine comedy drama, "The College Widow," will mark the reappearance of Mr. P. R. Allen on the stage. Not since the company played in "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford" last season has Mr. Allen played. He will appear in the comedy role of the "big" footballer, "The College Widow" is a play in which a football contest plays an important part. It has plenty of dash and incident and should appeal to all who have the sporting spirit.

Miss Verena Felton will be seen as the widow, a role she has appeared in many times. This production has the biggest cast of any play the company has yet put on. Like "That Girl From Texas," it has touches of pathos blended with its humor in a masterly way. This can be said of all of George Ade's comedies though "The College Widow" is undoubtedly his masterpiece.

The advance sale is now on and seats may be reserved by telephone for any performance including the bargain night to-night.

GIRLS AND FUN AT PANTAGES.

The most spectacular and successful girl act of the season and two unusually good comedy numbers are the drawing cards of this week's show at Pantages theatre. There are eleven talented and graceful girls in the big singing and dancing revue known as the American Whirlwind Beauties, and one of the eleven is heralded as one of the funniest comedienne of the season.

O'Neal and Walmsley have one of the two comedy big acts. These two entertainers have a long standing reputation for their rapid-fire conversational powers. This season they have an absolutely new idea on which their absurd contentions are based. They call themselves the "two lightning buds."

Cora Simpson and a clever little company present a woman's suffrage farce called "We Want Our Rights." It has been a hit everywhere and is sure to please in Victoria. The Baker Troupe are Comedians on bicycles and create a lot of merriment with their extraordinary-looking velocipedes. Mme. Remi and Sig. Ballinger complete a top-notch show with

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their rendition of several well known operatic airs. Both are vocalists of unusual merit and come well recommended.

Library Books

The following new books have arrived at the public library:

RELIGION.
Grenfell, Wilfred. *Thomson—Attractive way.* 1913. 245-G524.

SOCIOLOGY.
Bourné, George. *Pseud.—Change in the village.* 1912. 331.3-B74ch.

SMITH, Henry Arthur. *Practical exposition of the principles of equity as illustrated by the leading decisions thereon.* 1914. Ref. 347.2-564pr.

Solano, E. John. *Drill and field training—attack, defence, outposts, scouting, bayonet fighting, field sketching, field operations.* 1914. Ref. 347.2-564pr.

Williams, Joshua. *Principles of the law of real property, intended as a first book for the use of students in conveyancing.* 22d ed. 1914. Ref. 347.2-W72pr.

USEFUL ARTS.
Bancroft, Jessal. *Hubbard—Posture of school children; with its home hygiene and new efficiency methods for school children.* 1913. 613.6-B21po.

Hixon, Miriam W. *Notes on lead and copper smelting and copper converting.* 1900. 669.3-H67no.

Kirkman, Marshall. *Monroe—Science of railways.* 12 vol. 1896. 625-K59ac.

Langley, Samuel Pierpont, and Manly, Charles Matthews. *Langley memoir on mechanical flight.* 1911. Ref. 629-L231a.

Mercer, F. M. F. *Spantail and its training.* 1890. 636.7-M65pr.

Standard Milk Goat Breeders' Club of North America. *First American milk goat show at Rochester, N. Y.* 1913. 636.35-S75n.

FINE ARTS.
Cortissoz, Royal. *Art and common sense.* 1913. 701-C52 ar.

LITERATURE.
De Weese, Truman A. *Bond in the road and how a man of the city found it.* 1913. 871-D61be.

Emerson, Ralph Waldo. *Natural history of the intellect and other papers.* 1903. 831-E52na. (Gift.)

Hazeltine, Mayo Williamson, and others. *eds.—Masterpieces of eloquence; famous orations of the great world leaders from early Greece to the present time.* 25 vols. 440-H42ma. (Gift.)

Tagore, Rabindranath. *Post office.* 1914. 819-T12po.

TRAVEL.
Jose, Arthur Wilberforce. *Growth of the Empire.* 1909. 910.942-J83. (Gift.)

BIOGRAPHY.
Dale, William. *Techell; the harpsichord maker.* 1913. B-738.

Lydekker, Richard. *Sir William Flower.* 1904. B-F64L.

Thorpe, (Sir) Thomas Edward. *Joseph Priestley.* 1905. B-P349i.

HISTORY.
"Graphic." *London—First phase of the Great War.* 1914. Ref. 946.9-G76n.

Lodge, Henry Cabot. *One hundred years of peace.* 1913. 973.9-L52on.

Sayce, Archibald. *Henry—Anasrya; its princes, priests and people.* 935.2-S27ak. (Gift.)

FICTION.
Besant, Walter. *For faith and freedom.*

Boothby, Guy. *Lost endeavor.* 1914.

Gale, Zane. *Neighborhood stories.* 1914.

Hamilton, Lillias. *Virgil's Daughter; tale of the Habsburg war.* 1912. 7393-A27be.

Lochart, Caroline. *Full of the moon.* 1914.

Service, Robert William. *Pretender; a story of the Latin quarter.* 1914.

Ridge, William Pett. *Wickhammas.*

Walpole, Hugh. *Wooden horse.*

Weyman, Stanley. *Shrewsbury.* 1887.

Wharton, Anne. *Hollingsworth—Rose of old Gibeon.* 1913. 737.25-G45be.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.
Non-Fiction.
Adams, Morley. *Boys' own book of indoor games and recreations; an instructive manual of home amusements.* 1912. 7393-A27be.

Adams, Morley. *Boys' own book of pets and hobbies; poultry, pigeons, cage birds, rabbits, dogs, fancy mice and rats, silkworms, coin collecting, stamp collecting, photography, freetwork, chip-carving, bent-iron, work, carpentry, model making, etc.* 1912. 739.6-A21be.

Gilman, Mary Louise, and Williams, Elizabeth B. *Seat work and industrial occupations; a practical course for primary grades.* 1905. 372.5-G45be.

Hathaway, Essie Virginia. *Napoleon; the little Corsican.* 1906. JB-N21be.

Johnston, (Sir) Harry. *Hamilton—Pioneers in South Africa.* 1914. 948-733.

Levi Hedwig. *Work and play for little girls.* 1912. 7393-L66vo.

Shaffer, Donald Cameron. *Harper's beginning electricity.* 1913. 637-852be.

Warner, Felham Francis. *Boys' own book of outdoor games and pastimes.* 1913. 7396-W28bo.

Professor Gustav Cassel writes in the Swedish Svenska Dagbladet about war financing. He says it has been computed that Great Britain, under normal circumstances, invests between £10,000,000 and £15,000,000 per month abroad, this being the normal form for the application on the surplus of her balance against foreign countries. Should Britain now, as might be the case, cease to a great extent to make these investments the corresponding amount would stand at her monthly disposal. This explains, says Professor Cassel, the excellent financial strength of Britain just now. Britain is the capitalist par excellence who can live on the returns of her capital, and who, thanks to her resources, can force the whole world to contribute towards her war expenditure.

When the British were storming Badajoz the Duke of Wellington rode by, observing an artilleryman particularly active, inquired the man's name. He was answered "Taylor." "A very good name, too," said the Duke. "Cheer up, men; our Taylor will soon make a pair of breeches in the walls!" At this rally the men forgot their danger, a burst of laughter broke from them, and the next charge carried the fortress.

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COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE MARKET BY-LAW

Short Business Session This Evening: the Municipal Election

The chief item of business before the city council this evening will be the market by-law, which has been on the table for two weeks and which the chairman of the committee, Alderman Sargent, is anxious to see passed during the present council's term of office.

Some replies have been received from the various cities to which application was made for information on the cost of hydrant services, following the water commissioner's recommendation that the city fire department should be charged more for the hydrants than is in use than is at present the case. All the desired figures are available the fire wardens committee will oppose an increase in the figures, which they submit are now excessive.

It is expected that action will be taken early this week on the proposal of the central employment and relief committee to open a central registry. In the sub-committee of the council has been in touch with the Friendly Help association, with which it is proposed to co-operate.

Arrangements are being made by the returning officer for the municipal election on January 14. The public should

clearly understand that there will be two elections for the office of school trustees. Three trustees are to be elected for two-year terms and two for a one-year term. The elections will be quite distinct, though held in the same polling place for the convenience of the electors.

The civic voters' list for 1915 arrived at the city clerk's office to-day and will be put on sale at once for those who desire copies. The number on the list, as stated on Saturday, is practically the same as this year, being 8,769 in 1914.

It is expected that there will be a report at the council meeting to-night from the police commissioners on the complaint lodged last week that the conditions at the city jail are not as good as they should be.

HAD LOADED REVOLVER

Foreigner Heavily Fined for Packing Gun in His Pocket About the City: Had Used Threats.

A loaded revolver, found in the pocket of Peter Pulice, a foreigner, resulted in that worthy being brought to-day before Magistrate Jay charged with having firearms upon his person, contrary to the criminal code. He was sentenced to a fine of \$50 or two months in jail for the offence.

The evidence of Detective Siciliano, who with Detective Turner made the arrest, was to the effect that Pulice continually carried the gun on his person and when in an argument with a man would threaten him with the weapon in his pocket. When arrested the accused had five bullets in the gun and eight more loose in his pocket.

The prisoner attempted to explain that he was carrying the revolver about because he shortly had to go to one of the Moore and Pethick's camps and he would perhaps have to be out in the open for several days, during which time the revolver would be some protection against wild beasts. The magistrate then asked him why he kept it loaded in town.

Prisoner: "I did not know it was loaded." Magistrate: "A man who does not know whether a gun is loaded or not is not fit to have one." The revolver was ordered confiscated.

"Is Mr. Bradley in?" asked the visitor. "He is not, sorr," responded the Irish servant. "Shure, he won't be back till eleven." "Where is he gone?" "In his which?" "In his interim, sorr, so he said." "Sorra a wan of me knows what it means, but it's a fashionable name for a carriage, I'm thinking. Half-an-hour ago he says to Michael, I'm expecting Gafficks here this morning; but it's likely he won't be along for a while yet, so I will just go down in the interim, says he, and with that he druv off in the carriage." Weekly Telegraph.

AUDITORS BLAMED BY MONTREAL DIRECTOR

John Pitblado Claims to Have Been Influenced in Investing in Dominion Trust by Report

The auditors of the Dominion Trust company, Riddell, Stead, Hodges & Winter, come in for some sharp criticism at the hands of John Pitblado, of Montreal, one of the directors of the company. Mr. Pitblado had the oversight of the office in the metropolis, as the resident director, and this was the only office which did not accept deposits. Mr. Pitblado claims, further, that it was the only branch where all trusts were kept in separate trust accounts, as the law required. Immediately on the news that the company had suspended business Mr. Pitblado came out to Vancouver, and ever since he has been working day and night assisting the directors and the provisional liquidator in getting to the bottom of affairs.

Mr. Pitblado loses \$130,000 of his own money, but what hurts him more is the position in which he has been placed, as a financier and stockbroker of repute in the east, by recommending clients to purchase stock in the company. When he was solicited over a year ago by the late W. R. Arnold to take stock, he came out to the coast and spent three days in going over the affairs at the head office with the auditors before consenting to take an interest in the company. He insisted upon several improvements in the methods of handling titles and making yearly re-valuations of properties.

Late in August of last year, after he had returned home, he received from Mr. Arnold a letter containing some figures alleged to show the growth of the company's business and prosperity during the year, and there was enclosed what purported to be a certified true copy of an auditors' report from the firm mentioned, to the president and directors of the company, which read as follows:

"Gentlemen:—We have made a detailed examination of all the deeds, documents and records in connection with the investments made by the Dominion Trust Co. on behalf of its clients. We certify that the same are in good order and that, where the deeds and documents of title are in possession of the company they are filed separately under the client's name and apart from the company's own investments. Where no deeds or documents were in evidence, receipts or other satisfactory proof that they had been handed over to the clients, or disposed of under their directions, were exhibited to us. Valuers' reports, certificates of title, solicitors' reports, have been produced to us in the case of mortgage and other investments requiring same."

Although so far little mention has been made of the auditors of the company and their responsibility in the matter, Mr. Pitblado feels that if the alleged reports purporting to be over their signature are true, investigation of their liability should be made, as in his case he had placed reliance on their reports of matters at the head office.

Speculation is still rife as to who will secure the appointment to the liquidatorship, as on the personality of the liquidator and the attitude he adopts towards his work, much depends. Two committees, one representing the depositors and the other the creditors at large, have been at work in Vancouver during the past ten days investigating the standing of a large number of possible nominees for the position. The depositors meeting to hear the report of their committee and select nominees was held on the third floor of the Dominion Trust building in Vancouver on Saturday night, when four names were chosen to be recommended to Chief Justice Hunter for the position of permanent liquidator, after a lengthy discussion.

The four gentlemen suggested are: W. E. Jardine, formerly manager of the Bank of Vancouver; J. F. Forrest, manager of the Standard Trust Company in Vancouver; Archer B. Martin, liquidator of the Ocean Falls Company, Limited; and Ashwell Anderson, senior partner in Andersons, Limited, Vancouver.

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"FOR FREEDOM'S SAKE"

By HENRY CHAPPELL

The Bath Railway Post, Author of "The Day," in the London Express.

Men of our land who love our land, arise,
Your country needs you. Never yet in vain
That clarion call has quivered to the skies,
And spread as living fire o'er hill and plain.
Your country needs you; leave it not too late,
The human spiders breed on every hand,
Swarm overwhelming, pitiless as Fate,
Do as thy fathers did—up, grasp the brand.

Men of our land who love our land, unite
To wrest from land inept, perverted power,
The fearful streams they've loosed to Heaven's sight
Are but as drops to oceans red that lower.
Trust not to others in this hour of need;
Fight for thine own salvation, stand or fall,
O wait not idly by while brothers bleed;
Your country needs you, answer thou her call.

Men of our land who love our land, mark well,
The foe is strong in hordged strength of years.
Will ye then let their cannon sound our knell?
Shall Britain's glory sink in blood and tears?
Shall it be ever written of our might,
"The sons she trusted failed her, so she fell?"
O God forbid that ever morning's light
Should see our doom and Liberty's farewell.

Men of our land, you love our land—aye, all!
Right well we know it is not craven fears
That dull your ear unto the tocsin's call;
'Tis but the apathy of bloodless years.
The spark once struck will grow into a flame
That, growing yet, shall blast with fiery breath
The sanguined foe, it calls a bluish to name,
Who glut, with wanton hand, the halls of Death.

Men of our land, you love our land, Ah, see!
Rank upon rank is forming, closely set
To fight for all we love, to keep us free.
But still the call comes, "More are needed yet."
More thou shalt have, O Mother, in thy need,
From us and from thy children far away,
Till all lie low, or stand triumphant freed
From despot's rule and blown ambition's sway.

Men of our land, all love our land, I hear
The deep-toned thunder of a nation's rage.
From every clime that holds thine honor dear
Thy sons resolute come to keep their gaze.
All tongues as one, the chorus swells afar
And beats against the vault of earth's vast dome
In cadence stern that drowns the din of war:
"Mother, you called us—see, we come, we come."

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FIFTH REGIMENT BAND.

Large Attendance at Sunday Evening Concert in the Royal Victoria Theatre.

The miserable weather of last evening did not militate to any great extent against the attendance at the seventh concert given this season by the band of the Fifth regiment in the Royal Victoria theatre. There was quite a large body of people in the house and they appreciated the very fine programme rendered by the band under the leadership of Bandmaster W. J. Smith.

Assisting the band were Miss Barker and T. Loughheed. Miss Barker sang "Guide Me to the Light," in which her beautiful soprano voice was heard to advantage, and she was recalled

but, to the disappointment of the audience, only bowed her acknowledgments. Mr. Loughheed's fine baritone was well suited in Ball's "Sands of the Desert," and he also filled in for R. B. Mackenzie, who was unable at the last moment to be present. In both his singing was much enjoyed.

Of the instrumental selections the Supper, "Morning, Noon and Night," appeared to be the most popular, and Rimmer's "Eventide" also pleased very much. The other numbers were all excellently played. R. H. Rimes acted as accompanist faultlessly.

CROWNED WITH SUCCESS

Representations of Boards of Trade Change Plans of Canadian Railways About Mixed Car Privileges.

While the railway commissioners were in the city recently, the Victoria board of trade made an earnest effort to have the proposed cancellation of mixed freight car privileges rescinded. Along with other boards throughout the country, the members put forward strong reasons why these privileges were important to the whole community and particularly to the jobbers whom the proposed new rule would hit very hard.

A communication to hand from the commissioners has just informed the local body that its efforts have been rewarded and the proposed cancellation of the said arrangements by the Canadian railway companies has been suspended until further notice.

The arrangements which the railways proposed to cancel on the first of the year were that mixed carloads of foreign and native liquors, and mixed carloads of groceries, classified fifth class in straight carloads, and dried fruits, classified fourth class in straight carloads, are carried at their respective carload rates between points west of and including Port Arthur and thence to eastern shipping points.

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Ready-to-Wear Hats at Bargain Prices—A large assortment of neatly trimmed Felt Hats. Included are also a number of beaver felt shapes. All the popular colors for Fall are represented. Regular values to \$3.50. Sale price, 98c

A Great Bargain in Waists—Several pretty, dainty and serviceable styles in this lot, including a number of tailored Shirt Waists. It will pay you to secure two or three of these at this price. Sale price, 40c

SCAPEGRACE A HERO

Was Twice Wounded, but Fought to Death.

(Related by Private R. G. Tipper, of the Coldstream Guards, and reported in London Chronicle.)

There was a man in the trench with us who has not got a clean sheet, he always seemed to be getting into trouble for one thing or another. He got hit in the left arm. He crawled back out of the trenches to the nearest field ambulance and had his wound dressed.

We advised him to go to the rear, but he refused, and with difficulty made his way back to the firing line. There, despite his wounded arm, he steadily went on firing at the enemy.

Some time passed, and he was shot in the right arm. Again he made the difficult and painful journey to the field hospital, and again, with both arms injured, he stubbornly insisted on crawling back to the trench.

This time it took him longer, but at last he got back, and with difficulty handling his rifle with his maimed limbs he grimly went on shooting.

By and by he collapsed, shot clean through the body. Several comrades ran to him and raised him. They told him he must get back, but he said,

"No, let me be. The baggards have done me in this time, Jack."

He dodged towards two wounded men a little way off in the trench, and said: "Get those chaps out, they'll be good for something again. But for me, I'm done."

His chums were laying him down when he muttered, "Hoist me up before you go. I'll give them another round, so help me. Prop me up quick and look to those two chaps."

They propped him up beside his rifle, which rested in the loophole. The poor fellow with limping hands pointed his rifle and let drive two more rounds. Then he slipped down dead.

WEEK'S WAR EXPENDITURE.

During the past week the national revenue amounted to £2,745,000, compared with £2,282,000 a year ago. In addition £15,000,000 was received by the treasury bills and £100,000 by repayment of advances on bullion.

On the other hand, the expenditure was £19,523,104, compared with £4,838,648, of which £9,550,000 was on supply services, against £4,427,688. In addition to this ordinary expenditures, £150,000 was advanced for bullion. Balances in exchequer figure at £15,698,819, an increase of £7,523,596 on the week.

The responsibility of tolerance lies with those who have the wider vision.—George Elliot.



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With the Canadians on Salisbury Plain

From The London Times



The Canadian field force now on Salisbury Plain numbers something over 30,000 men.

Naturally the whole force is not camped together, but is scattered over four main camps and several smaller ones—Bastard, Westdown North and Westdown South, Bulford, Pond Farm, Larkhill, Sling Plantation—the most widely separated of which are not less than seven or eight miles apart; and the miles are over roads of almost inconceivable mudiness, for which the men console themselves with the reflection that it is, at least, good preparation for life in wet trenches. And it is astonishing in how much mud it is possible to play football and even lacrosse, when you really have a mind to it. Here and there, too, one can find green oases in the wilderness of mud where there is still sound turf enough to give foothold for a sparring ring. So one way and another, the Canadians keep incorrigibly cheerful.

Boots and Politics. The persistent wet and slush are hard, however, on boots, and it is an unfortunate fact that boots do not seem to have been the strong point in the equipment of the Canadian troops. One hears bad things said of the Canadian contractors who furnished the boots to the field force, and it is perhaps as well that the troops did not

have to go at once to the front with the footwear in which they came over. Nor is it the only detail, as the innocent visitor gathers, in which "politics"—the universal scapegoat—prevented the gathering and dispatch of the force from being altogether ideal. But what-ever shortcomings of equipment or of organization there may have been are all being rapidly remedied, and the fact that it gives time to remedy them makes the officers, at least, acquiesce the more willingly in the period of enforced waiting.

It has to be remembered that very few of the officers of the force are professional soldiers, and most of them cheerfully admit that they are at least as much in need of the training which they are now getting as are the men. No inconsiderable proportion of the infantry also belonged to light horse regiments at home and their knowledge of infantry drill was scanty. On the other hand, the whole force is of an extremely high level of individual intelligence, so that the men learn quickly; and all ranks are consequently keen. One day last week the whole division was out for divisional manoeuvres, and the result was eminently creditable. Besides ordinary drill the men get work in trench-digging and bayonet fighting and some of the brigades have done some vigorous

and enthusiastic night work, which is doing a lot of good in teaching officers and men alike to adopt themselves to strange conditions.

Previous knowledge of soldiering is not in every case an unmixed blessing. As was said in a former article, some of the very best men in the force are men who have already seen service in the British army. Many of them are splendid. Others, however, only make their experience and superior knowledge an excuse for putting on airs and doing as little work as possible. In the first two or three weeks, also, there was more than the normal amount of breaking of rules and drinking; and this, to the credit of Canada it should be said, was chiefly on the part, if not of old soldiers, at least of men born in the British Isles, who had only been in the Dominion for a few years. They found the temptation of being back "home," where British beer was cheap again, too much for them. Drafts of undesirables have been promptly returned to Canada, and the force now is well-behaved, sober, and immensely earnest in its work. In this connexion too much can hardly be said in praise of the Y. M. C. A. tents or buildings, which are in every camp. What the men would have done without them in the dismal weather, when to walk out of doors is to wade ankle deep in mud, it is not easy to conjecture.

Housing an Army. A question which the weather and the mud have brought to the fore is that of the relative merits of canvas tents and of huts. One infantry brigade has already moved into huts at Bulford. The men are much more comfortable, and they can now get dry clothes with reasonable regularity. But

the sick list is larger. When the brigade was under canvas there were hardly any coughs or colds. Now there are more than enough. The huts, which accommodate about forty men each, are raised off the ground on brick stilts, and as the floors are none too closely boarded, the wind gets underneath, and whistles fearfully up through the cracks in a way which the medical authorities are inclined to think has not a little to do with the growth of the sick list. New huts are in places being built boarded to the ground and the present intention is to build huts for the whole force.

Building huts for 30,000 men is a fairly serious undertaking. Even a brigade makes a town of 5,000 inhabitants; and it is not only the building of the huts that has to be done, but all the piping for water supply, except in places where the ground has already been regularly used for camp purposes, must be put in. At Larkhill, not far from Bulford, where the largest operations are going on, it looks as if a whole Garden City, larger than ordinary, was being built at once.

It is not only the men who suffer from the mud. Standing all day and night picketed in mud almost to the necks is not good for horses' hooves; and where the horses are—especially horses and guns—the mud is inevitably the worst. It is astonishing how much ground batteries can churn up; and, after an impartial acquaintance with most of the country, I am inclined to think that the worst of the mud is to be found about Westdown North, where the artillery is quartered. The best footwear for getting about the lines is rubber boots to the knees. And drilling, marching, and manoeuvring are not altogether joy under the existing conditions, and in route-marching it is not easy to make more than three miles an hour with the guns, a ten-mile march—or three and a half hours—being as much as the horses want.

But the worse the weather conditions are the better the training for what may lie ahead. That is the fact with which every man consoles himself. Nobody knows whether the Canadians are going to be wanted "over there" before spring, but everybody knows that wherever they go, the Real Thing is likely to be a good deal harder than anything on Salisbury Plain. And the one thing to do meanwhile is to get hard and fit enough to stand whatever comes for one's own sake, for Canada's, and the Empire's.



To the Editor:—One of the chief problems that confront the benevolent when they attempt to relieve the distress they see around them is how to avoid encouraging impostors, and at the same time steer clear of unintentional harshness towards the deserving poor. The activities of that type of people who appear to consider they have a lien on the benevolent to provide them and theirs with a living are constantly to the front. They have rid themselves of all false delicacy on the subject, have unburdened their hard luck tale so frequently, probably adding an artistic touch here and there, until they are somewhat proud of their distinction in sorrow and appear to feel that they would be to blame if they withheld such an opportunity for benevolence from any of the various charitable organizations of the city in which they live. If they have a family—and they frequently do their full share towards preventing any decrease of population—they distribute themselves without prejudice amongst as many kinds of religion as they can conveniently cover. A Salvation Army blanket can be as thankfully appreciated as an Anglican suit of clothes or a Presbyterian hamper. There is nothing of narrow fanaticism about them! Probably if the distributors of church funds were not so fearful of wounding the susceptibilities of their poorer adherents and made a few inquiries of the undenominational charities they would come up against some very unpleasant surprises along these lines.

While these facts are perfectly true and in the nature of the case are continually being brought to our notice, yet we shall be gravely in error if we conclude that this type of people represents the average of those for whom assistance is solicited. The testimony of those who have gone most thoroughly into the questions of poverty and relief is unanimous that while these pariahs of society are constantly in the limelight they constitute but a fractional minority of the needy poor. But—and herein lies the tragedy of poverty—none are more deeply cognizant of these unpleasant facts than the poor themselves. Many a deserving family has suffered in silence almost to the verge of starvation before letting their condition be known, dreading above everything else the rebuke of these professional beggars, and often when we hear of them it is difficult to discover their real need except through friendly neighbors.

The question before those who are able to give and abundantly willing to do so if they can only be assured against imposition, is what methods can be adopted to eliminate the undesirable, and at the same time adequately minister to the needy. The manufacture of these professionals—for they are made, not born—may be almost entirely accredited to the fact that it is well nigh impossible for the various churches and charitable organizations to know what each other is doing along these lines. One only has to consider the sum total of all the individual churches and charities to realize at once that it would be practically impossible to communicate with each other, before assisting a family that applied for help. Many of them do not meet each other from year's end to year's end, and in no way could they compare notes regarding individual cases.

Must we then continue the hit and miss plan at present adopted in our "givings"? Certainly not! A very simple plan for overcoming this difficulty has been tried and proved successful in many cities, and is now under the consideration of the city

council and the various relief organizations of Victoria. This is the establishment of a central bureau of information, sometimes called a "Confidential Exchange" to emphasize the fact that whatever information is placed there concerning assistance given to any individual or family is held solely for those who have a bona fide interest in the case recorded. The plan is briefly this: Each society engaged in relief work gives the bureau a list of the cases in which they are interested, giving only such items of information as are necessary for identification; name in full, address, nationality, family, and, where possible, occupation; the last item being useful in securing work for them. These names are listed alphabetically on a card index. Where two or more societies prove to be assisting the same family some mutual arrangement is agreed at as to who shall take the family under its charge; the chief aim of the bureau being to have only one society caring for one family, and in this way to avoid overlapping. Churches and individuals are earnestly asked to co-operate in this plan by phoning to the bureau before giving relief, so that they may be informed of any other society or individual that is already assisting.

The laudable effort of the city council, to meet and overcome this obvious difficulty in the administration of relief and at the same time to counteract the tendency in giving relief to create a frame of mind that quickly degenerates into pauperism, should command the hearty and painstaking co-operation of all our citizens.

A. NEWALL.

THE BEAVER CLUB.

To the Editor:—May I be permitted to express a doubt as to the correctness of the intimation made in your editorial columns of the 24th inst. that the Beaver Club in any way commands the attention of the Dominion government's department of public works. Allow me to assure you, Sir, in defense of this organization that if one of its most virulent and able detractors were to be present at a full and solemn convocation of this club, and being possessed of the requisite patience (using that word in its strict dictionary sense of "quality of being patient under pain or affliction; calm endurance; command of temper; forbearance"), has managed to sit it out, you would afterwards find in him another enthusiastic defender. Were he to break the seal of silence which this bashful society would no doubt have placed upon him, he could demonstrate to you, Sir, and the province at large, beyond all quibble, that neither in the club as a whole, nor in its executive, nor in its officers, nor in any possible combination of all or any of these, was there brain enough to plan or ability enough to carry out any of the machinations you refer to. He could assure you with the confidence born only of absolute conviction that it would be many moons ere a new edition of "How Canada is Governed" would in any way be called for on account of the doings of this harmless

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coterie of muddle-headed would-be politicians. He might bethink him to point out to you that although the worm in your garden occasionally makes his presence known by an unsightly little mound of dirt, yet you need not on that account fear for the stability of your trees. He might continue along comparing the club to the worm, not entirely to the disadvantage of the worm, winding up no doubt with some comment upon one of the commonest uses to which worms are put, the baiting of the hook wherewith certain smaller types of fish are caught. It is quite apparent that in the last mentioned instance the role filled by the worm is the result of the machinations of someone "higher up," and it would not be at all fair to accuse the worm of the ability to design the deception practised upon the fish.

There is, I admit, a pathetic side to the shield. The awakening of the poor man who swallows the bait so alluringly dangled and in times such as these manages to scrape together the necessary entrance fee and joins the club, imagining that in return he is going to be found work, etc., must be a cruel one. The prospects whereby his hopes were raised vanish with his money.

TIT-WILLOW

Victoria, 26th December, 1914.

FUTURE OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor:—As large ratepayers we are greatly interested in the effort being made by the Retrenchment Association to pull down the excessive taxation of our city. No one has attempted to deny the statement that taxes are too high and that not only property owners but tradesmen are being pinched very hard to keep their payments. It is not only taxes and interest and rents that press heavily, but the effect on every branch of trade that has to be considered. We are being urged to "do business as usual, to keep our staff and not reduce wages." This is a good theory and we should all like to live up to it, but with a falling off in the volume of trade and in prices, how is it possible to keep going as usual unless the tradesman gets concessions in fixed charges, the heaviest of which is taxes, for where a tradesman even does not own his premises

the rent depends on the amount of taxes.

We are not asking for anything which will hurt this beautiful city. We can all appreciate the great improvement made in recent years, and paved streets, sidewalks, boulevards and cluster lights being property to a bright modern city, but our view is that we have done change enough for a time and must draw in our horns not only in expenditure on improvements, but in cost of maintenance. Nothing will help a city over quiet times so much as a little sensible economy. Other cities have had to cut their expenses much more than twenty-five per cent.

BROWN & COOPER.

To the Editor:—In your editorial of the 22nd inst., in commenting on the expenditures available for reduction you say "the city's expenditure is roughly \$2,000,000 per annum." As a matter of fact, the estimate for the city's expenditure last year was \$2,501,478. Further you say that "over almost one-half of this sum the city has no control," because it represented fixed charges. As a matter of fact, the fixed charge reached \$796,113, including the amount set aside for sinking fund on schools, etc. Therefore instead of one-half of the total estimated expenditures being open to the pruning knife, there is actually two-thirds, or say \$1,700,000, which can be operated on. Now the Civic Retrenchment Association is urging a reduction of at least 25 per cent from the amount of taxation on property. This amount last year was \$1,885,398. Twenty-five per cent of this would be \$471,375, which is only \$46,000 more than 25 per cent of the estimates of last year entirely within the control of the city. So that in asking for this reduction the Retrenchment Association is not setting any impossible task to the city fathers, nor in my opinion are they asking more than is very moderate and reasonable.

THOS. SHOTBOLT.

Dec. 26.

"Huntman" — "Blankety-blank that bloomin' Kaiser! I wish my 'ounds 'ad 'im!" Farmer — "What 'e bin doin' to you now, Jack?" Huntman — "Doin'! Just look at the 'osses 'e's left us to ride!" — Punch.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

of

The Royal Bank of Canada

GENERAL STATEMENT

30TH NOVEMBER, 1914

LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:			
Notes of the Bank in Circulation		\$ 31,224,129.64	\$ 13,505,255.49
Deposits not bearing interest			
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement		104,827,078.59	136,051,209.23
Balances due to other Banks in Canada		\$ 256,072.53	
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries		2,280,629.08	2,536,701.61
Bills Payable			744,389.55
Acceptances under Letters of Credit			1,481,717.92
			\$154,319,272.80
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:			
Capital Stock paid in			11,560,000.00
Reserve Fund		\$ 12,560,000.00	
Balance of Profits carried forward		614,062.25	13,174,062.25
Dividend No. 109 (at 12 per cent per annum), payable Dec. 1st, 1914		\$ 346,800.00	
Dividends Unclaimed		3,919.31	350,719.31
			\$179,404,054.36

ASSETS

Current Coin	\$ 12,995,483.75	
Dominion Notes	12,688,371.25	
		\$ 25,683,855.00
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserve	2,000,000.00	
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	578,000.00	
Notes of other Banks	2,525,205.79	
Cheques on other Banks	5,752,485.25	
Balance due by other Banks in Canada	4,351.82	
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	3,144,502.41	
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	1,158,568.75	
Canadian Municipal Securities and British and Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	2,185,062.60	
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	13,557,741.12	
Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	6,524,058.06	
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada	6,080,847.19	71,244,677.99
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$ 84,585,972.95	
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	15,002,488.08	
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	568,198.87	100,156,659.90
Real Estate other than Bank Premises		600,000.00
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off		5,861,780.37
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra		1,481,717.92
Other Assets not included in the foregoing		59,818.18
		\$179,404,054.36

H. S. HOLT,
President.

EDSON L. PEASE,
General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

WE REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA: That we have obtained all the information and explanation required by us. That in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank. That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at 30th November, 1914, as well as at another time, as required by Section 50 of the Bank Act, and that we found they agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches. That the above Balance Sheet has been compared by us with the books at the Chief Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and in our opinion is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

JAMES MARWICK, C.A.,
S. ROGER MITCHELL, C.A.,
Auditors.

Members of the Firm of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co.
Montreal, Canada, December 18th, 1914.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 29th November, 1913	\$ 1,015,119.58	
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of Management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills	1,886,142.67	\$2,901,262.25
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:		
Dividends Nos. 106, 107, 108 and 109, at 12 per cent per annum	\$ 1,387,200.00	
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	100,000.00	
Written off Bank Premises Account	250,000.00	
Contribution to Patriotic Funds	50,000.00	
Deduction in Investments	500,000.00	
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	614,062.25	\$2,901,262.25

H. S. HOLT,
President.

EDSON L. PEASE,
General Manager.

Montreal, 18th December, 1914.

SPORTING NEWS

VANCOUVER PLAYS HERE TO-MORROW

CHAMPIONS BADLY BEATEN SATURDAY

Visiting Clubs Win in N. H. A.; Ronan Traded to Ontarios; Tickets in Demand for Tuesday's Fixture

With their backs up against a record of three straight defeats, Victoria's hockey champions will enter to-morrow night's game against Vancouver, determined to win. The team returned yesterday from Portland, and according to the Senators, the Rosebuds did not have things all their own way, as the score of 3 to 1 would suggest. "We should have scored at least four goals," is the way one of the players put it, "and even then Portland was getting all the breaks, scoring on several long shots." The seat sale for to-morrow night's match has been extremely good and the local fans have confidence in the champions' ability to do a complete come-back. The Terminus have not yet tasted defeat and Capt. St. Germain says that his club will not be headed this season.

Saturday night's game at Portland drew about three thousand fans, the Portland folks being greatly tickled at the manner in which the champions were trampled upon by the Rosebuds. Portland's speed in the first session gave them a three-goal lead to work on, and while Victoria played superior hockey in the second stanza, the Yanks came back with three goals in a row in the final period, clinching the game. Bernie Morris did not make the trip, Walter Small being used at right wing. The Victoria club showed a lot of "pepper" in the second period, but their shooting was again poor. The champions will start out against Vancouver with the same team that played Portland.

N. H. A. Results.
At Montreal—Toronto 4, Canadiens 1.
At Quebec—Ottawa 4, Quebec 1.
At Toronto—Wanderers 11, Ontarios 6.

The opening matches in the National Hockey association series were played Saturday night with the visiting teams winning. The Toronto champions opened the season in Montreal and defeated the Canadiens in the closest game of the first series, Ottawa journeyed to Quebec and defeated the Ancient City sextette by a score of four goals to one, while the Wanderers opened the season in Toronto and came within one of doubling the score on the Ontarios. The score was 11-4.

The teams:
Wanderers—McCarthy, Sprague, Cleghorn, Progers, Hyland, O. Cleghorn, Roberts.

Ontarios—Lesueur, G. McNamara, H. McNamara, Tommy Smith, Denny and Skinner.

Canadiens—Vezina, Laviolette, Duhaime, Pitre, Gaudin and Donald Smith.

Toronto—Holmes, Marshall, Cameron, Firestone, Walker and Wilson.

Ottawa—Benedict, Merrill, Shore, Gerard, Darragh, Broadbent.

Quebec—Moran, Hall, Mummery, Malone, Marks, MacDonald.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—"Neway" LaLonde, of the Canadian Hockey club, has not yet come to terms with his team, and is the only hold-out of the season now. He witnessed the match between Toronto and Canadiens from the side lines, and it looks as if he will not play with the Flying Frenchmen this season unless he climbs down and accepts the terms offered by them.

P. C. H. A. Standing.				
	Games	Goals.	For.	Agst.
Vancouver	3	0	17	9
Portland	2	2	22	17
Victoria	0	3	8	19

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The Ottawa Hockey club has pulled off the biggest trade of the season in professional hockey, sending Percy Lesueur and Skene Ronan to the Toronto Ontarios in exchange for Fred Lake, goalkeeper, Sammy Harbert and a cash consideration.

RONAN MADE JEMPTING OFFER



SKENE RONAN

Ottawa hockey star, whose ownership has been settled by arbitration by the Coast League and N. H. A. He remains with the Ottawa club.

It is hard to see why Skene Ronan did not want to come to the coast circuit. The eastern star was offered a \$1,000 contract and his transportation both ways, equalling a fourteen hundred dollar contract. This is a much better figure than he will get in the east and it is reasonable to suppose that there must have been influence used in the east to have him back on such terms. The N. H. A. teams are not paying any fancy salaries this year, in fact they have all sided their contracts. Newsy LaLonde and Didier Pitre have been forced to accept hefty cuts and they have no other course to follow since the new league peters out.

Portland was anxious to secure Ronan for centre ice, giving them an extra man so that they could hold Throop as utility player.

CURLING CLUB MEETS TO-NIGHT

President McCosh announced this morning that the Victoria Curling club will meet to-night and not on Wednesday night. Important business will come before the club, and it is most important that every member be on hand for this gathering, which will be held at Murphy's hotel.

WORLD'S RECORD.

St. Louis City, Ia., Dec. 28.—What is said to be a new world's bowling record was made by Daniel Hamlet of Sioux City Saturday, when he rolled the last ball in a twenty-four hour endurance contest. Hamlet rolled 144 game and knocked down 20,050 pins, an average of 175.8-10 pins. The best previous twenty-four hour record, seventy games, was held by a Los Angeles bowler.

TIGERS CHANGE HANDS.

Tacoma, Dec. 28.—Reorganization of the Tacoma baseball club will be effected to-day by the election of temporary officers. President McGinnity and Secretary Redpath will turn their holdings to the new company, who will begin stock selling immediately. All of the club's bills to date have been paid.

WATTY LIKES NYE'S SELECTION

FEDS TO FIGHT FOR JOHNSON

Giants Likely to Sign Hans Lobert; Bob Brown After Coltrin

With a lower salary list, baseball should prove a big success in Victoria," was the declaration of L. A. Wattleit, former president and owner of the Victoria baseball club, to the Times yesterday. Wattleit was here for the Christmas holidays, he having entered the automobile business in Seattle. He looks for a big year amongst the Northwestern league clubs, with Victoria having a grand chance of coming through with a winner under Marty Nye's management.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A trade which was hoped would bring Heinie Groh, second baseman of the Cincinnati Nationals to the Cubs, may be closed Monday by Roger Bresnahan, manager of the Chicago club, who will leave to-night for the Ohio city. President Charles T. Thomas, of the Cubs, said the Cincinnati club wanted Pitcher Laven-der and Outfielder Leach.

New York, Dec. 28.—Hans Lobert, Philadelphia National league third-

RUGBY TEAMS IN SCORELESS BATTLE

Willows and Rep. Teams Put Up Strenuous Contest at Oak Bay Before Large Crowd

In one of the greatest rugby clashes ever staged in the capital, the Willows fifteen held the Rep. team to a scoreless draw before a splendid crowd at Oak Bay on Saturday afternoon. Both clubs rushed over for touch backs, the play see sawing with rapidity that kept the spectators on their toes for the entire game. It was a veritable clash of giants, the heavy field marring the play of the three-quarter line, though flashes of brilliantly passing runs were witnessed.

Victoria lined up with exactly the same club that held Vancouver to a draw at the Terminal City and while they had a big edge on the soldiers when it came to speed and ball handling, the heavier pack and greater experience of the soldiers offset the former qualities, the teams being very evenly matched. Capt. Spencer protested strongly against the ruling of Referee Hill on several occasions, particularly in the second half, when the Willows forced the City team on the defensive for a time. Grant went over for a try, only to be called back, while on another occasion Hinecross kicked to a pair of Willows three-quarters, who had a clear field to the City goal. The whistle sounded for offside, breaking up the play.

It is doubtful if any match has ever been played in the capital with the same feeling that the teams exhibited on Saturday. There was plenty of good heavy tackling, while on one or two occasions the straight arm was used to ward off tackles, the player carrying the ball having little regard where the first landed. Referee Hill had a difficult task and that he did as well as in Saturday's game was only due to his alertness in keeping right up with the play.

There was a lack of speed in the Willows back line, the slowness in getting the ball into the open being fatal to the soldiers' chances for large gains. Their dribbling and rushing was of high standard, while Spencer's kicking to touch was a treat. The slippery ball proved too elusive for the Willows' halves, the latter repeatedly fumbling the leather when an opportunity for a gain presented itself. The city team invariably secured the ball in the scrums, while in the lineouts the "Reds" also shone. This weakness on the part of the soldiers was due solely to their lack of practice, their physical condition being every bit as good as that of the City fifteen.

The "Rep" team never showed up to better advantage in following up their kicks and intercepting wide passes. Knox was in grand shape at full back and repeatedly saved the City team from a critical spot, his kicking being exceptionally good. Joe Shires and Chalk played splendid rugby also, Newcombe starting in the scrum.

The teams were:
Victoria: Fullback, A. Knox (Welsh); three-quarters, F. Nason, C. Vincent, Alf. Adams (Bays), and C. Kilpatrick (University); five-eighths, A. C. Chalk; halves, W. Newcombe (Capt.), Arthur Shires (Bays); forwards, Arthur Adams, A. Griffiths, D. Gray, S. Rees (Welsh), C. Sedger, H. Ross, J. B. MacLachlan (vice-captain) (Bays).

Willows: Fullback, Trooper Spencer (capt.); three-quarters, Cpl. Merdith, Cpl. Gallier, Captain Townsend and Tpr. Hines; five-eighths, Serg. Grant, Lieut. Morton; half-back, Pte. McNaught; forwards, Cpl. Heiney, Lieut. Carstairs, Lieut. Ackland, Tpr. Scott, Sgt. Baum, Pte. Gillespie and Pte. Patterson.

SWAIN IMPROVING.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Charlie Swain's many friends in Seattle and elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest will be pleased to hear that he is now gaining rapidly, and unless some unexpected complications assert themselves, will recover.

His foot is gone, but he apparently escaped the threatened third operation, which would have necessitated taking his leg off at or above the knee.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF SOCCER CLUBS

Thistles Beaten in Peden Cup Game on Saturday; Civic Service Eleven Winners

A special meeting of the Victoria Football association will be held in the Y. M. C. A. to-night to consider the resignation of President Dave Bain. This will be the important item. Among other business will be the selecting of an all-star Victoria team to oppose Vancouver at the Royal Athletic park New Year's day. James Walker, the popular president of the Thistle-Football club, is looked upon as the successor to Mr. Bain.

Jacksons went further ahead in the Peden cup series on Saturday when they defeated the Thistle eleven 2 to 0, at Beacon Hill. The game was featured by the remarkable display of goal tending upon the part of Shrimpton, the Thistle net guardian, who displayed wonderful ability in the nets. The Albert Head team had a decided edge on the Thistles throughout the entire match, the defence of the Scottish team playing very steady football.

Thistles are now out of the running for the Peden cup, Hill and Clarkson starred for the winners, while Shrimpton and Adams played stellar football for the Thistles. The teams: Jacksons—Thorburn, Sheriff and Tunncliffe; Blendall, Green and Niven (capt.); Kerley, Nichol, Hill, Douglas and Clarkson.

Thistles—Shrimpton, Newlands (capt.) and Taylor; Stronach, Adams and Brown; Caskie, Muir, Pickering, Inglis and Howden.

A decided shock was given to followers of the Victoria Wests on Saturday when the Fifth Regiment eleven defeated their senior 2 to 0, at Work Point barracks. The Wests lined out with a patched up team, only two of their regular forwards being in action, while Jack Robertson was missing from their defence. The soldiers scored their point in the first half, the Wests having the better of the play at the close of the game, Donald and Davies; Green, Harrison and McBrady; Smith, Newbigin, Hughes, Kroeger and Cull.

Victoria Wests—Sherratt; Whyte and Bolton; Youson, Meesher and Okell; Griegs, Carmichael, Sherratt, Baker and Rickerzon.

Referee, J. Youson.

Civic Service will oppose Sir John Jacksons in the Alex. Peden cup final Saturday afternoon the City Employees surprised the soccer followers by defeating the C. P. R. at Beacon Hill, 2 goals to 0.

In the opening period it looked like a victory for the C. P. R.'s. Their attack was very strong, but their shooting was not good, and though they had many chances they failed to bag the net once. Civic Service also failed to score.

A wonderful reversal of form was

WORLD'S BEST GOLFERS AS NAMED BY EVANS

1. John Graham, Jr., Royal Liverpool Golf club, Holylake, England.
2. J. L. C. Jenkins, Troon Golf club, Troon, Scotland.
3. Harold Hilton, Royal Liverpool Golf club, Holylake, England.
4. John Ball, Royal Liverpool Golf club, Holylake, England.
5. Robert Maxwell, Honorable Company Edinburgh Golfers, Muirfield, Scotland.
6. Francis Ouimet, Woodland Golf club, Boston, U. S. A.
7. Raymond H. de Montmorency, Stokes Pines Golf club, Eton, England.
8. Jerome Travers, Montclair Golf club, Montclair, New Jersey.

SPORTING GOSSIP

A special meeting of the V. F. A. will be held at the Y. M. C. A. to-night.

Willows can still boast of an aggressive rugby squad, especially in the mud.

The heavy field handicapped the Victoria Rep. fifteen on Saturday.

Jacksons now claim that they will beat out the Wests for the city title.

Jim Corbett says that Jess Willard hasn't a chance against Johnson.

Vancouver Millionaires play the P. C. H. A. champions at the local Arena to-morrow night.

Art. Ross will catch a regular place on the Canadians' defence.

This young fellow Ross, who beat Al Daxies, is but fifteen years of age.

Micky Ions will handle to-morrow's game at the Arena.

Victorians are anxious to see Cyclone Taylor in action once more.

SOCCER RESULTS IN OLD COUNTRY

London, Dec. 28.—Following are the results of scheduled league football games, played Saturday. Boxing day, on the grounds of the first named club:

First Division.
Aston Villa, 1; Bolton Wanderers, 7.
Bradford City, 0; Everton, 1.
Liverpool, 1; Manchester United, 1.
Manchester City, 2; Chelsea, 1.
Notre County, 3; Middlesbrough, 1.
Oldham Athletic, 6; Bradford, 2.
Sheffield United, 1; Blackburn Rovers, 2.
Sunderland, 2; Newcastle United, 4.
Tottenham Hotspurs, 6; Sheffield Wednesday, 1.

Second Division.
Barnsley, 1; Leicester Fosse, 0.
Bury, 1; Birmingham, 2.
Derby County, 1; Notts Forest, 1.
Fulham, 1; Stockport County, 0.
Huddersfield Town, 5; Blackpool, 1.
Leeds City, 3; Glossop, 0.
Preston North End, 0; Lincoln City, 0.
Wolverhampton Wanderers, 1; Hvy City, 2.

Southern League.
Gillingham, 0; Norwich City, 4.
West Ham United, 2; Brighton and Hove Albion, 1.
Cardiff City, 2; Plymouth Argyle, 0.
Exeter City, 4; Watford, 1.
Northampton, 2; Luton Town, 3.
Southampton, 4; Portsmouth, 3.
Swindon Town, 1; Reading, 1.
Creighton Common, 1; Southend United, 1.

Queen's Park Rangers, 2; Bristol Rovers, 1.
Crystal Palace, 1; Millwall Athletic, 1.

SPLENDID RUN OF LOCAL HUNT CLUB

Plenty of good stiff jumps which resulted in a few spills, afforded a splendid run to the members of the Victoria Hunt club on Saturday afternoon, forty-five riders turning out. Five pairs of hounds were laid on the drag, the run being across country. It is possible that runs will be held twice a week in the future. Quite a few motor parties followed the chase, those riding including Mrs. Bury, Miss Benny, the Misses Street, Misses Rodwell, E. Pearce, Slater, Fraser, Angus, Violet Bode and Doris McLeod, Dr. George Hall, and Messrs. Hart, Sweeney (of Vancouver), Wise, Butler, Marshall, F. Henderson, McLeaves, Chambers, Edwards, Earle, Hazeldene, Prentice, Nash, Wardle, Worrell, Berrard, Hardy and Hett (of Calgary.)

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Champions Must Stop Vancouver To-morrow Night.

Though Frank Patrick is extremely confident that his Vancouver septette can win over the Victoria club at the Willows to-morrow night, Victoria fans have not lost their faith in the ability of the Senators to do a come-back at the expense of the Terminals. The latter have three straight wins to their credit and lead the league. The addition of McKay and Cook has added a lot of "pep" to the mainland septette and they have all the confidence in the world that they can haul down the P. C. H. A. honors this year. Victoria got off to a bad start and the team has not been pulling together as they should, but they are due for a win to-morrow night. The locals dropped their first game on home ice but have no reason to be discouraged over this, for in the P. C. H. A. teams, home ice is not such a big factor as in the east. It's a case of dropping to the cellar for good if the Senators do not emerge victorious, and it will not be because the players do not try when they stack up against the Millionaires.

Bob Brown Will Carry But Thirteen Players.

While quite a few of the Northwestern league clubs have come out with the statement that they will carry but fourteen players next year, Bob Brown is showing his disregard for all hoodlums by going on record as boosting a thirteen-man limit next season. Brown states that he won a pennant for thirteen men in 1907 with but thirteen players, and he will work one of his slab artists in the outfield regularly. The Vancouver manager is particularly well equipped with hurlers who can also work in the outer garden and this will allow him to carry five slab artists, one of whom will always be working in the outfield. With five twirlers and two catchers there will be positions for only six regulars on the Beaver roster. Four regular infielders will be carried with two regular outfielders and one of the twirlers will have to fill in with Wotell and Brinker in the outer pasture.

Chicken Salad.

Ottawa hockey club contracts contain a clause subjecting its players who "pipe off" in the crowd to heavy fines.

As a safeguard, Livingston, the new owner of the Ontarios, has protested the first ten games his team plays this winter. He figures that should give him a one two team at least.

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LEEBO ENCOUNTERED

GREAT CAKES OF ICE

Lighthouse Tender Had to Abandon Work in Skeena River; Glad to Get Home

Great blocks of floating ice were encountered in the Skeena river by the lighthouse tender Leebo, Capt. Hunter, and the work of tending a number of aids to navigation in that waterway had to be abandoned. The Leebo went to an anchorage in the river on several occasions but the rapidly moving cakes made it necessary to shift the vessel. The ice bumped against the ship's sides and Capt. Hunter did not wish to run any chance of having his vessel damaged, so he left the work in the river for a more favorable opportunity.

Outside of the heavy ice in the Skeena the Leebo did not meet anything unusual in the north. The weather was cool and considerable rain, was met. The tender berthed here this morning at 6 o'clock and all the men on board were glad to be back in Victoria, where they say the sun is always shining. Anyhow it's always shining when the Leebo is in port.

Christmas At Alert Bay

The Leebo had too much work to accomplish in order to return in time for Christmas. The ship was off Alert Bay on Friday last and Capt. Hunter was there to spend the day. The steward had kept a good tab on the Leebo's progress while in Prince Rupert and knew that she could not reach Victoria by Christmas Day, so he ordered a supply of turkeys and other reasonable delicacies. During the stay at Alert Bay the men were treated to a splendid dinner and the day was passed as pleasantly as it possibly could be.

FORMER CUTTER RUSH GOES UNDER HAMMER

Seattle, Dec. 28.—At a resale of the vessel held on Saturday afternoon by the United States marshal's office, under an order issued by the federal court, Capt. Harry W. Crosby, of the Washington Tug & Barge company, purchased the halibut steamer Rush for \$9,000. At the first auctioneer's sale, the vessel was bid in by the National Independent Fish company for \$5,000. On evidence submitted by creditors of the vessel that a larger amount could be obtained, the federal court ordered the sale reopened. As a result the bidding yesterday sent the price \$3,000 above the amount offered at the first sale.

The Rush, once famous as a revenue cutter, belonging to the estate of the late Capt. Alexander Welding, who died recently from injuries that he received when struck by an automobile. The chief creditor was the Norby Fisheries Supply company, which had a claim of \$3,000 against the vessel.

GOVERNOR REACHES PORT

The Pacific Coast steamship Governor, Capt. Thomas, arrived in port this afternoon at 1 o'clock after a smart run from San Francisco. She brought north a light list of passengers and discharged 95 tons of freight at the outer docks.

PRINCE JOHN TO RUN

ON A NEW SCHEDULE

G. T. P. Steamer to Connect With a Saturday Train Out of Rupert

Arrangements have been made by the Grand Trunk Pacific to have the steamer Prince John, Capt. Wearmouth, sail out of Victoria and Vancouver every fortnight to connect with the Saturday train bound for the east. The new schedule of the Prince John will go into effect on January 6 and the steamer will clear for the north every second Wednesday thereafter.

At the present time the steamer Prince George, sailing from here on Monday, connects with the eastbound train leaving Prince Rupert on Wednesday. The Prince John has been sailing on Fridays and does not connect with any train. The new service will remain in force until the spring, when the company will resume its semi-weekly service to the north, operating the steamers Prince George and Prince Rupert.

Has Fair Trip South.

The Prince George left here this morning for Prince Rupert and Grand Bay, carrying a fair list of passengers and a heavy cargo. On the voyage south she had quite a number of travelers. The steamer left Prince Rupert on Christmas Day, which affected travel considerably. No fair weather was encountered on the run south.

Among the passengers who embarked here this morning on the Prince George were the following: F. Clark, Miss A. Bailey, A. B. Craft, A. Bailey, Mrs. D. J. McTavish, Mrs. E. D. Russell and child and Miss Anita de Macedo.

Tees in From Holberg.

Yesterday afternoon the C. P. R. steamer Tees, Capt. Gillam, returned to port from Holberg and other west coast towns. Fair weather was met. The steamer was under way on Christmas Day and the time was spent quietly. The Tees brought in 300 cases of salmon from the Uchuckest cannery. She will sail for Holberg on January 1.

UNITED KINGDOM WANTS BIG AMOUNT OF LUMBER

Portland, Dec. 28.—Pacific coast lumber aggregating 20,000,000 feet is wanted in the United Kingdom, and Portland exporters are being given an opportunity to bid for the business of supplying a big portion of the product. It is the largest quantity for which inquiries have been received from abroad locally since the war started. No particulars have been given as to what the lumber will be used for, but it is presumed that a part of it will be for bridge and railroad construction.

Recently two sailing vessels were chartered to load lumber at Portland for the United Kingdom. One of them is to arrive in February and the other in March. Other similar tonnage is expected to be secured at an early date. It is reported that the main difficulty in taking new contracts for the shipment of lumber to offshore ports is the trouble experienced in chartering suitable vessels. Just now practically all the craft are in demand for the transportation of grain and other foodstuffs to the warring countries.

But as soon as the great bulk of the grain which can be spared for export purposes has been moved it is believed that tonnage will be more readily obtainable. It is claimed that it is next to an impossibility to charter steamers for placing in the offshore lumber trade under present conditions. About all of them engaged in that traffic are those which were taken under time charter prior to the breaking out of hostilities in Europe.

YOKOHAMA MARU TO

DOCK ON THURSDAY

Nippon Liner Making Smart Inward Run From Orient; Mexico Steaming In

After a smart winter passage from Yokohama the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Yokohama Maru, Capt. Komatsu, will arrive at William Head on Wednesday evening. This information was contained in a radiogram received from the ship this morning by W. B. Dale, local agent for the line. It is not likely that the Japanese liner will succeed in reaching the quarantine station before sundown on Wednesday, and consequently she will be forced to remain at anchor until daylight on Thursday, when Dr. Nelson will grant her pratique.

The Yokohama Maru is bringing in a very heavy cargo of the Far East, but her passenger list is very light. While berthed at Victoria the steamer will discharge 800 tons of general freight. For Seattle she carries 4,500 tons, including a very valuable shipment of silk consigned to New York. There are 20 passengers for Victoria and 80 for Seattle. Travel from the Orient has fallen off perceptibly in the last month.

Word was received this morning by R. P. Rithet & Co., local agents of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, stating that the steamer Mexico Maru, Capt. Kobayashi, left Yokohama on December 25, and will arrive at Victoria on January 7. The vessel is bringing 300 tons of cargo for discharge at this port and Vancouver. She has 52 passengers all told, and 15 of the number will disembark at the outer docks.

To-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock the Nippon liner Sado Maru, Captain Asakawa, is scheduled to sail from this port for Yokohama, Shanghai and Hongkong. The steamer is not carrying a full cargo, the outward freight having decreased quite a little of late. The Sado will carry a good list of passengers.



(42) Tide Table—New Edition—Slack Water in Passes.

New Edition of Pacific Tables—Tide table for the Pacific coast of Canada for the year 1915 have been published and can be obtained free on application to the department of the naval service, Ottawa, and announced in the catalogue of official government publications of use to Canadian mariners. Slack Water in Passes—The complete tide tables include, at the end of the book, valuable results obtained in determining the time of slack water in the more important passes, to which the special attention of mariners is directed.

Slack Water in Dodd Narrows—Since the preparation of the tide tables the survey has determined that the time of slack water in Dodd narrows may be found as follows:

For slack at either high water or low water, subtract 22m. from the time of slack in Forth Narrows.

Slack Water in Sechart Rapids—The time of slack water is more variable in Sechart rapids during the course of the month; but the average time of slack may be found as follows:

For high water slack, add 1 h. 42 m. to H. W. slack in first narrows.

For low water slack, add 1 h. 35 m. to L. W. slack in first narrows.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(473) San Juan Channel—Turn Rock—Light to be Established.

Position—On turn rock, in place of the present beacon. Lat. N. 45° 22' N. in sec.; long. W. 122° 57' W. in sec.

Date of Establishment—About 15th December, 1914.

Character—Flashing white light, every three seconds, thus: light 0.3 second, eclipsed 2.7 seconds.

Elevation—18 feet.

Power—35 candles.

Structure—Small white square concrete house of a black cylindrical base.

TIDE TABLE.

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Esquimalt—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dry dock at any tide, add 19.0 feet to the height of high water as above given. Tidal differences for Puget and Haro Straits are given in the foregoing list.

CAPT. ARMSTRONG TO QUIT SEA FOR TIME

Master of British Yeoman Turning Over His Command to Capt. Nielson

Capt. Armstrong, master of the British barque British Yeoman, has decided to retire from the sea for a time at least, and is turning over his command to Capt. Nielson, of the American barque Pottaloch, who is expected to arrive here in a few days. Capt. Armstrong has been following the calling of the sea for many years, and upon arriving here from Australia some weeks ago he requested his owners, Eschen & Minor, of San Francisco, to grant him a holiday. How long the captain will be able to resist the call of the sea is not known, but shipping men here believe that he will be back again on the poop of a windjammer before any length of time has passed. The British Yeoman is now loading a cargo of lumber at Gt. Bear Bay for Capetown, South Africa, and it is expected that she will be ready to tow to the Royal Roads to outfit for her trip to the dark continent early in the year. Capt. Nielson has only made one trip on the Pottaloch. Upon the death of Capt. Berquist, master of the British Yeoman, at Sydney, Aust., while the ship was lying there, Capt. Armstrong was ordered to take charge of the British Yeoman and the Pottaloch was handed over to Capt. Nielson.

Changes Her Registry.

The barque Pottaloch, which for many years sailed under the British flag, now flies the Stars and Stripes. She is loading grain for the United Kingdom at Portland, and she probably will be ready to leave in a day or two. The majority of her crew signed on in Australia. All of them have been paid off before the British consul at the Rose City, and every little detail in connection with the matter has been adjusted satisfactorily.

Thirteen of the sailors have signed their intention of returning to Australia and to their homes in other quarters of the globe. The British consul will obtain berths for them on outward-bound vessels as soon as possible. It is said a few of the men may decide to go back on the Pottaloch again. Half-a-dozen or so of the crew appeared at the United States immigration office and declared their intention of remaining in the republic. Prior to her coming to Portland, the Pottaloch went from Australia to the Sound, which accounts for the most of the seamen expressing a preference for returning to that country.

PORTLAND SHIPPERS LOOKING FOR SHIPS

Fleet of Fifteen Sailers Making Long Passages; Centurion Departs

Portland, Dec. 28.—Carrying a cargo of wheat, the British ship Centurion, Capt. Jones, left Saturday morning bound for the United Kingdom. She is the first offshore grain-carrier to get away in the last week because of ice conditions in the lower Columbia.

Two more of the sailing vessels have finished loading wheat cargoes for the same destination and are expected to leave down for the sea. They are the Danish barque Haxla and the Norwegian ship Hafsford. The Norwegian ship Hero has about completed her cargo for Europe, and the British ship Pottaloch will get away for Callao toward the middle of next week.

Fear Mishap to Ship.

Unless some of the overdue grain ships en route to Portland put in an appearance soon the harbor will be almost depleted of windjammers. There is a fleet of something like 14 or 15 sailers which are expected to reach the river any day. In fact, a number of them ought to have been here some time ago had they succeeded in completing average passages. The Norwegian ship Songvind left Rockhampton, Australia, August 7, and her arrival was looked for in October. The fear is growing that she has met with some mishap.

Among other of the sailing vessels under charter to load wheat at Portland and regarded as fully due are: Claverdon, Cambuskeneth, Kilmory, Wiscombe Park, Lindfield, Kilmory, Celtic Glen, Port Chalmers, Clifton, Clackmannanshire, Denmark and Birr. Several of these are making unusually long passages. If they should all happen to reach the river in a bunch the shippers probably will experience difficulty in giving them ordinary quick dispatch.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

December 27.

San Pedro, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Congress, Seattle via San Francisco. San Francisco, Cal.—Sailed: Str. William Chatham, West Coast; Str. Helens, West Coast; Admiral Schley, Seattle. Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Wilmington, San Francisco; Alameda, Seattle; Sailed: Str. Wilmington, Seattle; Sailed: Str. Maru, Seattle.

Portland, Ore.—Arrived: Str. Klamath, San Francisco; W. F. Herrin, San Francisco; Paraiso, Coos Bay; Breakwater, Coos Bay; Bonanza, San Francisco. Sailed: Str. George W. Elder, Coos Bay; Rose City, San Francisco.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Santa Clara, New York via San Francisco and Portland; Alameda, Southwestern and Southeastern Alaska; Wilmington, San

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Financial News

PORTLAND OFFERINGS

APPRECIABLY SMALLER

Issue Had Snap To-day; McGillivray and Stappard Lead Both Strong

There was little to contrast the list of prices with that prior to the holiday adjournment, this morning. In one or two cases, as Snowstorm for instance, quotations went back somewhat.

Portland Canal was firm, and there was sufficient support to the bidding to decrease offerings of the stock appreciably.

In Corporation, not much change was noted, the annual meeting for discussion of the company's affairs being expected soon, and traders apparently holding off from making commitments until after this. An excellent situation prevailed in McGillivray as for some long time past and the level is steadier.

Standard Lead had healthy action. Bid. Asked. Blackbird Syndicate 10.00 10.50 B. C. Refining Co. 20 25 B. C. Copper Co. 15 15.50 C. N. P. Fisheries 30 35

Coronation Gold 60 65 Lucky Jim Zinc 18 20 McGillivray Coal 20 22 Nugget Gold 20 22

Portland Canal 0.12 0.12 Hamilton Caribee 0.12 0.12 Red Cliff 0.12 0.12 Standard Lead 1.00 1.05

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Glacier Creek 0.02 0.02 Island Investment 22.00 22.00

Damen Club (debt) 20.00 20.00 Portland Tunnel 1.00 1.00

North Shore Iron 30 35 Socke Waterworks 10.00 10.00

Athabasca 7.00 7.00

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—A lack of demand caused a sharp break in grain prices to-day, following a strong opening. In the south there was considerable untidiness and few were inclined to take up any values dropped, Winnipeg following in sympathy. Early buyers were sellers.

The cash demand was practically unrelenting with few offerings and few buyers. The export inquiry continues good.

The total inspections on Saturday were 312 cars as against 474 last year, and in sight on Monday were 250 cars. The weather has been fair and moderate.

Forecast generally fair and cold to-day and on Tuesday. Winnipeg wheat futures closed 1/2 to 1/4 lower, cash closed 1/2 lower, and flour closed 1/4 to 1/2 lower.

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OPTIMISM IN STREET

STOCKS DID BETTER

Bullishness Prevailed in American Beet Sugar and Steel Recovered

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Dec. 28.—The market strengthened perceptibly from the first hour's trading, and activity was more pronounced.

Sentiment was inclined to a moderate optimism, and the buying side of values more generally followed, especially in some specialties, as American Beet Sugar, which at one time was above 3, a point gain from Saturday.

Steel recovered from its limit of 48, and in company with the majority of issues maintained a strong tendency until the finish of the session.

It is estimated that the unfilled orders of the Steel Corporation will show an increase of 200,000 tons in December.

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CREDITORS OF DOMINION TRUST CLAIM THAT THEY RECEIVED UNFAIR TREATMENT

Meeting at Vancouver This Morning Broke Up in Disorder Because of Court Order Issued on Saturday Morning

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—A charge that the solicitors and counsel for the provisional liquidator of the Dominion Trust company had framed up a scheme to railroad someone in as a permanent liquidator of the concern without giving the creditors a fair opportunity of being represented at the meeting, was made at the official creditors' meeting held this morning to re-nominate a liquidator to the court. The meeting broke up in disorder after a motion to adjourn had been carried. The majority of depositors and general creditors present took the ground that, in view of the order obtained at the eleventh hour from Chief Justice Hunter, of which no warning was given, and which was used by the provisional liquidator and his legal advisers to prevent adequate representation being given, they would not vote on any name but would adjourn in order to get in a position to meet the terms of the judge's order.

The first intimation of trouble came when a number of solicitors who had been present at previous meetings on behalf of creditors and depositors presented themselves for admission to the meeting. They were refused admission unless they were in a position to show proxies. As they had been admitted to previous meetings they were taken completely by surprise.

C. N. Haney, who appears for eleven claims, had only three proxies and was only allowed to represent these. J. A. Russell, who appears for a \$500,000 claim, was refused representation, but in a small claim. Other hearings were not admitted. The depositors' committee having taken the precaution to secure signed lists of authorities from depositors unable to attend had to have the authorities substantiated by signatures of the committee and an additional authority before they were allowed representation.

The storm which was brewing broke when C. R. Drayton, the provisional liquidator, took the chair. He was accompanied by George H. Cowan, K. C., as solicitor, and Joseph Martin, K. C., as counsel, and proceeded to read an order obtained from Chief Justice Hunter on Saturday morning, and only filed at the courthouse this morning, to the effect that the voting was to be on the principle of one vote for every dollar represented, and that no representation was to be given to anyone who was not authorized by a properly drawn-up legal proxy.

"When was that order made?" asked W. H. MacInnes, the chairman of the creditors' committee, in evident surprise.

"I am not sure. I think it was December 26, Saturday—yes, that was the date," replied Mr. Drayton.

Mr. MacInnes: "Was any notice of that order given to the solicitor for the creditors?"

Dr. Drayton appealed to Mr. Cowan, but A. H. Macneil, K. C., counsel for the creditors, said: "No, I received no notice of that order."

Mr. Cowan said he had served the order on T. J. Baillie, the only solicitor named on the record, and had fulfilled his duty in that respect. "If I had taken it on myself to serve Mr. Macneil or any other gentleman, it would have been without authority, and would have entailed additional expense on the liquidation," he said. Loud laughter greeted the explanation.

Mr. MacInnes: "May I ask if there are any other jokers in the order?"

Mr. Drayton: "I take exception to Mr. MacInnes' remarks. I will leave the chair immediately if I am to be exposed to insults of this kind."

J. C. Cowper, secretary of the depositors' committee, addressing Mr. Cowan, asked: "Is it not a most remarkable thing that no notice of this drastic order should be served on either the creditors publicly or upon their counsel?"

Mr. Cowan: "I did serve it upon Mr. Baillie, who I think appears for some of the New Westminster creditors who served it upon everyone who had any right to be served, or who had any interest in the liquidation."

Mr. Cowper: "Are we to understand then, Mr. Cowan, that you do not consider the Vancouver creditors or their counsel have any right or interest in the liquidation?"

Mr. Cowan: "Mr. Macneil's name was not on the record as solicitor. We had no right to serve him, and could have done so only by incurring unnecessary expense." (More laughter.)

J. A. Russell pointed out that the order which had been used against himself and other representatives of creditors had only been filed that morning, so that it was impossible for anyone to have heard of it.

Mr. MacInnes asked: "If this was necessary to obtain, as you say, why was it not taken out before the last meeting which met to select a liquidator? If it is necessary now, it was necessary then. If it was not necessary then it is not necessary now."

No reply was made to this and Mr. MacInnes went on to bring his report as chairman of the creditors' committee before the meeting. He said in part: "We have to face the facts that there has been no difficulty in getting the proper parties interested in this liquidation to work together. The depositors, creditors and shareholders have worked together in harmony. We have had, however, to put up with a strenuous fight against parties who have no interest in the liquidation, as creditors, but only for what they may hope to get out of it."

Explaining the circumstances which led the committee to offer the name of Ashworth Anderson, when Mr. Stewart found it impossible to act after the previous nomination. Mr. MacInnes said, "In view of the string pulling and intrigues that had been going on the committee feared that if they did not offer a name to the court at the last proceedings, someone else would have."

been railroaded in. We did not want the liquidation to get into the hands of those who are interested solely in what they can get out of it."

His committee recommended the names of A. B. Martin, Ashworth Anderson, W. E. Jardine and E. H. Henderson for nomination as liquidator, suggesting that all be submitted to the court for final election by the judge.

"A suggestion was made that a report from Mr. Cowper, as secretary of the depositors' committee be received, but after communicating with his solicitor Mr. Drayton announced that he could only accept nominations."

Mr. MacInnes: "Do you rule that this meeting will not receive any report from the depositors?"

The chairman: "I can only receive nominations."

Mr. Cowper, who said he appeared with the signed authority of some hundreds of poor depositors who could not attend the meeting in the daytime, insisted on a hearing. His report recommended Messrs. Martin, Jardine, Anderson and J. G. Forrester, the latter being local manager of the Standard Trusts company. He pointed out that both committees were agreed upon three names out of the four.

Mr. MacInnes nominated Andrew Stewart, of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & company, chartered accountants, who are conducting the audit of the company's books for the provisional liquidator. He stated that Mr. Stewart had a training in both accountancy and law and was a strong man for the position, his present work on the books having given him an acquaintance with the affairs of the company which would prove valuable in a liquidation.

The storm broke forth again after Mr. Stewart's name had been moved and seconded and nominations closed. C. N. Haney demanded to know how

it would be possible for Mr. Stewart, who is already manager of the firm of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & company, permanent liquidator for the North America Securities corporation and provisional liquidator for the National Mercantile company, to devote his whole time to the Dominion Trust company liquidation if appointed.

"He will resign from the other positions," said Mr. MacInnes.

A motion was moved by Mr. Haney that the meeting select three names to send to the judge to appoint a liquidator from. This was strongly opposed by Messrs. Martin, Cowan and Knox Walker, solicitor for the National Mercantile company. The chairman ruled that it was too late for the motion, and that the meeting must vote on the names singly and send up the result of the ballot to the judge.

Mr. Martin insisted that according to the terms of the court order the voting must be by dollars represented, not by persons present, as any other system of voting would be contrary to Judge Hunter's instructions and would be rejected by the court.

A babel of voices were heard in denunciation of this mode of voting and cries were raised of "It's a steal." "They're railroaded in."

But Mr. Martin stuck to his guns. Mr. Cowper took up the motion which Mr. Haney had dropped on the ruling of the chairman and insisted that the meeting had a right to decide whether it would vote on three names or one. He pointed out that the depositors' representatives had been sent to vote for four different representatives and that if Mr. Martin and Mr. Cowan's instructions were carried out, it would enable Mr. Stewart's supporters to vote solid for him, while the depositors' votes would have to be split among four different men.

"I object," he said "to Mr. Cowan who at best only represents a depositor for \$238, attempting to run this six-million-dollar liquidation in the face of the wishes of the depositors and creditors here represented."

W. R. Kirkland, G. H. Healey, H. J. LaRach and others joined in the demand that the motion be put to the meeting, but this request was not acceded to, after conference between the provisional liquidator and his legal advisers.

By this time the meeting was in an uproar, a dozen speakers endeavoring

to get the ear of the meeting at once, and Mr. Martin facing the flood of outcry in an effort to have the meeting vote on the names singly.

"I have a resolution that will end the whole matter," said Mr. Cowper, of the depositors' committee. "We are here facing a situation as a result of this eleventh hour order obtained by Mr. Cowan and Mr. Martin, which would split their vote. The situation is such that it raises a great deal of suspicion in our minds that it is a frame-up to railroad someone in at a time when many of the real creditors and depositors are debarred from representation by the terms of this order. I move we adjourn until such time as we are in a position to meet the terms of the order and to be armed with proxies to meet the situation."

The motion took the meeting by surprise, but was readily taken up.

"I support the motion to adjourn," said Mr. Russell, "because it would be unfair to the depositors to force them on to the creditors' committee. All the blame so far has been placed on the late managing director, but we wait to have the whole matter probed by some independent liquidator appointed, not by a snap vote, but as representing the wishes of the depositors and creditors."

Mr. Russell mentioned that as a result of the order he had been refused representation for a \$200,000 claimant.

Mr. Drayton: "But you cannot get proxies from England in a week."

Mr. Russell: "No, but we can get the order varied so that accredited solicitors can appear here on behalf of their clients."

The motion to adjourn was carried without a single dissenting voice.

It is probable that the proceedings called before Chief Justice Hunter for Wednesday morning will be largely devoted to a discussion of the much-objectioned-to order of to-day.

TRACK STAR KILLED. Dunkirk, France, Dec. 28.—Jean Cautelle, a famous French international football player and track athlete, who was mentioned early in the war for a charge which won him the military medal, is in a field hospital with both legs amputated. The bones were shattered by a shell.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

GIVING OUT PRESENTS

Spokane, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Jack Robinson, 123 Pacific avenue, a bride of five months, was accidentally shot and killed at 10 o'clock Christmas morning while distributing presents to her brother and others at the Louis Paul camp, 9 miles north of Couer d'Alene.

Mrs. Robinson had distributed the presents from one suitcase, which she had taken to the camp early Christmas Day, and was leaning over a second suitcase when an old revolver, a relic which her husband was showing to her brother, dropped on the couch and discharged a bullet through the woman's heart.

STEELE ROUNDS FOR WAR ORDERED AT PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—Orders for 65,000 tons of high carbonized steel rounds appeared in the Pittsburg district to-day, fifty thousand tons for France and 15,000 tons for Russia. Recently 26,000 tons of steel, used in making shrapnel shells, was shipped to Europe. It is understood that Charles McKnight, president of the Carson Steel Company, is now in Europe in connection with orders for similar material.

It is estimated that fully six million dollars worth of trenching tools, rail-valued sheets, wire and projectile steel have been bought in Pittsburg for the European belligerents in the past two months.

HEBREW SLANDER CASE AT QUEBEC CONCLUDED

Quebec, Dec. 28.—The famous Hebrew slander case against Rene Leduc, journalist, and E. Plamondon, both of Quebec, that has been before the courts of the last two years, came to an end to-day when the unanimous decision of the appeals court gave judgment in favor of Ortenberg against the defendants, who are condemned to pay damages. Leduc was assessed \$25 and Plamondon \$50 damages.

The more common secret of want of success in life is a tendency to let things drift—Morley.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Special Music and Sermon for Young People Yesterday at First Presbyterian Church.

The special Christmas services were held at the First Presbyterian church yesterday, those in the morning being specially designed for children, who were present in such large numbers that they almost entirely filled the main body of the auditorium. The pulpit and choir-stalls were beautifully decorated with Christmas texts, the lettering of which was most artistic. H. Charlesworth had charge of the choir, which performed the known cantata, "Story of Bethlehem," the various solo parts being taken as follows: Soprano part, Miss H. Harkness; contralto, Mrs. Hudson, and baritone, Robert Morrison.

The subject of Rev. J. G. Inkster's sermon was "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." If there were any people on earth more than others who should glorify God it was the little children, said the speaker. For Christ had come to uplift children and women more than all else. He had taught the men, accustomed to ignore the right of the little ones to seek after the Truth, to give them liberty to worship God. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me" was one of the lasting messages he had left. Even to-day, however, it was curious to note how the old barbarism had survived. People, somehow, thought it infra dig to attend a children's service, and some had even stayed away from that service because it was for those little ones whom Christ had lifted up of old when the older people would have thrust them aside. In the latter part of his sermon Mr. Inkster dealt more particularly with the phrase: "Peace on Earth, good will to men," which was written at the time of the Civil War in America and praying that this was but the storm before the calm.

In the evening the cantata, "The Manger Throne" formed the principal part of the services, the soprano part being taken by Miss Morton, the contralto by Mrs. Hudson, the tenor part by Robert Morrison, and the baritone by Mr. Hudson. A very beautiful duet which came in the course of the performance was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, and the choir sang with commendable spirit in the various choruses. "The Star of Bethlehem" was sung in addition to the cantata, Robert Morrison being the soloist.

Mr. Balfour is credited with knowing more good stories about the House of Commons than any other member. One of his best is the following, which he told at a public dinner some time ago: "I remember hearing of a distinguished gentleman," he said, "who reported in the press gallery just about a hundred years ago that he had had an excellent dinner washed down with excellent wine. He was bored with the debate. He was weary with the superfluity of rhetoric which prevailed just as much a hundred years ago as to-day. He got bored, and he got up and asked the Speaker for a song. The Speaker of that day was Mr. Addison, a gentleman who was nothing if not proper. The whole house, except the Speaker, was convulsed with laughter. The sergeant-at-arms was appealed to. He went to the gallery and he inquired for the culprit. The culprit retained the presence of mind to point to a respectable Quaker sitting below him, and this unfortunate gentleman was actually taken into custody."

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 28—5 a. m.—Since yesterday an ocean low barometer area has crossed this province to Alberta. It has caused rain along the coast and snow in Kootenay. Moderate winds are general along the coast. Zero temperatures are reported in most portions of the prairie provinces.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.91; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 39; wind, 12 miles W.; rain, .20; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.83; temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 38; wind, calm; rain, .80; weather, fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 25; wind, calm; snow, 12; weather, snow.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 31; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 20 miles N. W.; rain, .50; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .06; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .20; weather, rain.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 44; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, fair.

Temperature	Max.	Min.
Penticton	32	22
Nelson	29	19
Prince Rupert	42	32
Calgary	42	22
Edmonton	42	22
Winnipeg	4	-12
Toronto	26	16
Ottawa	29	19
Montreal	19	10
Halifax	18	8

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Saturday:

Temperature	Max.	Min.
Highest	43	32
Lowest	32	22
Average	38	28
Minimum on grass	42	32
Minimum on grass	42	32
General state of weather, rain.		
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday:		
Highest	43	32
Lowest	32	22
Average	38	28
Minimum on grass	42	32
Minimum on grass	42	32
General state of weather, rain.		

KETTLE VALLEY EXTENSIONS.

Parliament to Be Asked for Further Time for the Construction of a Number of Branches.

The Kettle Valley Railway company is applying to the federal parliament at the coming session for an act extending the time within which it may construct several lines of railway already authorized, and also setting an agreement made between the company and the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation company for an intersection at a point between Princeton and Otter Summit.

The lines for which further time is asked are from Summer Creek to Copper Mountain and Volat mining camps, from Vernon to Penticton by way of Kelowna, from Penticton to Osoyoos Lake, from Summer Creek to Allison or Princeton and thence to the Granite Creek coal areas, from Grand Forks to a point fifty miles up the north fork of the Kettle river, from Midway to Hedley, from Penticton to Nicola, from the terminus of the Summer Creek-Allison line authorized by the act of 1911 to Otter Summit, and from a point on that line near Tulameen up the Tulameen river for a distance of about fifty miles.

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QUIET WEEK ASSURED FOR CIVIC FATHERS

Little New Business Likely for Balance of Municipal Year

This week the city council will scarcely settle down to serious work. The pleasant recollection of the recent holiday and the anticipation of one to come at the close of this week will have their effect.

The complete absence of any interest in the municipal election so far is remarkable as there has been no like case in recent years. As there is no important question of public interest before the citizens (save that of the Johnson street bridge), no by-law which could in any way stimulate the public curiosity will be presented next month. The only one contemplated, that for the Johnson street bridge, will not be placed before the electors till a more fitting season, so that there has been an absolute lack of interest in the council proceedings for some time and unless there has been some discussion on unemployment expected the council meetings have been practically deserted by the public.

To-morrow there will be a meeting to consider the civic estimates. It is not expected that the work can be completed at a single session. There will be many details to consider and figures to reduce. As there seems no prospect of change in the personnel of the council next year, what is decided now is practically certain to be the policy in 1915, and since retrenchment is in the air, all the aldermen are willing to promise to support whatever cuts may be necessary.

Beyond the passage of the new market by-law, and the transaction of a certain amount of routine business, there is little new matter for the remaining few meetings of the present board. Hope is expressed that the taxes will come in to the amount anticipated and that other revenue will enable the council to close the year with the revenue and expenditure balanced, as according to the comptroller's statement when the expenditures were pruned in November.

Next week practically all the principal officials of the city will be engaged in the waterworks suit, so that that will be the only matter considered. The consulting engineer for the waterworks will arrive from the south for the trial. Among other important

witnesses are the past and present water commissioners, the resident engineer of the undertaking and several members of past and present councils. No estimate of the length of the hearing has yet been informed, but it will take some time to put in the necessary documents and papers.

MOSLEM HOLY PLACES

Allies Will Hold Them Sacred From Attack So Long as Indian Pillgrims Are Not Molested.

There has been some effort by German emissaries to arouse hatred against the empire among Moslem Indian subjects, especially since Turkey has come into the war on the side of the enemy. It has been thought well by the government of India to issue a notification to the people of that vast dependency as to the attitude adopted by the empire and its allies towards the sacred places in Arabia, and as there are many Mohammedans in Canada among the East Indians, resident in this province the proclamation is reproduced in the Canada Gazette for their benefit. It is as follows:

"In view of the outbreak of war between Great Britain and Turkey, which to the regret of Great Britain has been brought about by the ill-advised, unprovoked and deliberate action of the Ottoman government, his excellency the viceroy is authorized by his majesty's government to make the following public announcement in regard to the holy places of Arabia, including the holy shrines of Mesopotamia and the port of Jeddah, in order that there may be no misunderstanding on the part of his majesty's most loyal Moslem subjects as to the attitude of his majesty's government in this war, in which no question of a religious character is involved. "These holy places and Jeddah will be immune from attack and molestation by the British naval and military forces so long as there is no interference with pilgrims from India to the holy places and shrines in question. At the request of his majesty's government the governments of France and Russia have given them similar assurances."

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